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Mexican restaurant prepares for grand opening



THE JULIO'S sign puts a major shadow on La Bonita as the restaurant prepares to open. Julio's is planning on opening by the end of next week.

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A Mexican-style restaurant is moving to town, setting up shop and hopes to be open sometime next week. Julio Zalapa predicts to open his restaurant, Julio's, Friday, Feb. 17.

The placement of the restaurant is in a very particular spot, right next door to an already established Mexican restaurant, La Bonita.

Zalapa said he hopes there isn't too much competition and mentioned that La Bonita uses their own particular recipes just as he uses his own.

He owns two other Julio's restaurants in St. Joseph, Mo. and Falls City, Iowa.

La Bonita's owner was not thrilled to hear the news of Julio's moving in next-door but hopes having a good reputation will benefit them.

La Bonita's manager, Victor Salazar, hopes to keep loyal customers coming back to La Bonita.

"I hope that because we've been in business for a long time, we take care of our customers and they become our friends because they come very often," Salazar said.

Julio's brings to the table authentic Mexican-style cuisine including fajitas, burritos and tamales to name a few. They also boast a full bar with imported beer and tequila.

The restaurant will serve a happy hour Monday through Thursday

beginning at 3 p.m., as well as on Mondays having margarita specials and all-you-can-eat tacos.

La Bonita hopes to counter this by offering weekly lunch specials.

"We've been pushing specials every day, especially this week," Salazar said.

The location dilemma poses a question as why two of the same style restaurants would open next to each other. Maryville Assistant City Manager Matt Unrein said that because Maryville doesn't have a thriving real estate market, Julio's had to take what they could get. With Country Kitchen closing next to La Bonita, an empty building was left for another restaurant to fill.

Construction rolls along

Asset sale has few changes in store

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Coming down to the wire, all indications suggested the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA) would put their whole portfolio on the selling block.

Rumors swirled, indicating a total liquidation to raise an estimated \$450 million for Gov. Matt Blunt to spend on capital improvements in higher education. Some even speculated that federal agency-turned-private lender Sallie Mae would bid for MOHELA.

However, the proposal drafted by MOHELA to remain viable opens big doors for both MOHELA and Blunt's educational agenda.

MOHELA would sell approximately half the loans in their portfolio, raising an estimated \$450 million—topping the estimated profit of Blunt's proposal by at least \$25 million.

MOHELA would remain an independent organization, and Missouri's colleges and universities would receive the profits from the sale—including over \$11 million for Northwest.

"We've always felt that having an independent, non-profit, financially viable MOHELA is much more beneficial to the students, parents and families of the state than not having a MOHELA," said Will Shaffner, MOHELA's associate director of business development. "Eliminating an organization like ours would do more harm than good."

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LARRY HUGHES and Glen Rigges from the contracting company, Building Erection, work on the skeleton of the biopharming facility located on the north side of campus.

MOHELA sale secures funding for biologics building

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Supporters for the new Center for Excellence in Plant Biologics may still be minus a tenant for the building, but they can breathe easier now that construction funding has been secured.

Revenue captured from the sale of assets of Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, an academic support organization most widely known for providing Stafford loans to Missouri students, will send close to \$12 million dollars to the project.

Construction came to a stop in November when the Missouri Economic Finance Board

informed Northwest it would not consider the bond that would have sent up to \$13 million to the \$23 million project. The board and lawmakers felt the funding plan was not solid and would not commit funding until the issues were worked out.

Weeks later Northwest President Dean Hubbard announced funding from the state would head Northwest's way. He also announced that the project would borrow \$4 million from Northwest, enabling construction to resume.

However, only the side containing the incubators and labs could be built, leaving the academic portion that was to house programs in alternative fuels and nanotechnology on hold.

Despite the securing of the funding, the

center's main tenant, Ventria Biosciences, backed out of the deal saying the center would not be available in time for their needs.

However, the state has not given up on the company. Missouri Department of Economic Development Spokesman Paul Sloca said the state is still in discussions with the company about relocating to Missouri.

Sloca said he was not aware of who else Ventria is in discussions with or how many other states are interested, but feels good about the discussions.

"We're not going to give up on any potential deal," Sloca said. "If we weren't optimistic we wouldn't

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Unrein heads south to Arnold, Mo.; takes new city position

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Recently, Maryville city officials found themselves searching for a new city manager; six months later they seek to fill the shoes of departing Assistant City Manager Matt Unrein.

After serving Maryville for four years, Unrein departs for his new job as city administrator of Arnold, Mo., Feb. 20, after putting his resignation in Jan. 30.

Taking the position in Arnold, 20 miles south of St. Louis and nearly double the size of Maryville, promises more responsibility, something Unrein is excited about.

However, Unrein enjoys many outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting, so the prospect of leaving Maryville also saddens him.

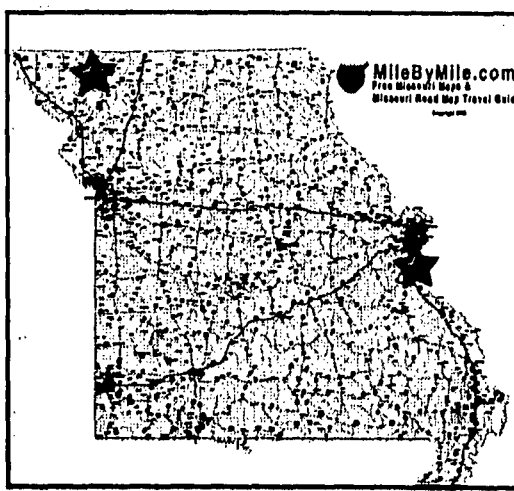
"Maryville is a great little community with very good people," Unrein said. "...But there is certainly no Mazingo where I am headed."

"I am going to miss all the natural amenities Maryville has to offer. I have never seen a sunset quite as pretty as in Maryville. The town just has a beautiful natural environment."

His family ventured down for the interview and saw a new recreation center complete with an indoor pool. This coupled with having a new place for his three and 6-year-old children to practice tumbling and gymnastics, has made the entire family excited about the move.

Telephone calls, e-mails and cards poured in last week, reminding Unrein he and his family will be missed when they depart in a few weeks.

Unrein transferred to Maryville four



Arnold, Missouri Quick Facts

Population: 20,082

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350 miles from Maryville

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years ago, leaving behind a position in the community development department in Independence, Mo.

With turkey season right around the

corner, Unrein plans to return to Maryville to stay in the Mazingo cabins and hunt.

"I'll return as a tourist," Unrein said. "I will want a break by the end of April."

CITYBRIEFS

Mock Interview Day scheduled

Northwest's Office of Career Services hosts its spring Mock Interview Day Wednesday, Feb. 15, on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The day is designed to give students preparing to enter the job market a chance to practice interviewing skills in front of real employers and recruiting professionals.

Interested students must register with the Career Services office, upload a current resume to the Career Connections Web page and sign up for a mock interview online.

Mock interview sessions are 45 minutes each and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Early registration is recommended.

For complete sign-up instructions, go to nwmissouri.edu/careerserv and click on "Events." For more information, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

MMO hosts dance, discussion

The Northwest Minority Men Organization will host two events in celebration of Black Achievement Month.

The third annual "Tribute to the Ladies" Valentine's Day dance is at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The free event will feature a live disc jockey, refreshments, a photographer for couples and "best-dressed" contests for men and women.

The MMO will also host a discussion forum, "Focus on Stereotypes," 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, in the second floor Union Living Room.

For more information, contact the organization at MMO@nwmissouri.edu.

Seats still available for Alabama

Seats are still available for the Alternative Spring Break trip to Birmingham, Ala., to build a house for Habitat for Humanity.

The trip lasts from March 19 to 26. For application information, contact Angela Perkins, coordinator of volunteerism and service learning, at 562-1954.

Healthy Campus Initiative encourages faculty fitness

Northwest faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Healthy Campus Initiative kick-off open house.

The open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Office of Human Resources Management on the first floor of the Administration building.

Representatives from Northwest's Healthy Campus program will be available at several information stations.

They will provide literature and advice to visitors with regarding heart health, nutrition, exercise programs, fitness center access and other health issues.

Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to win fitness-related door prizes, as well as sign up for Great Walk 2006.

Sponsored by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, the program pays participants \$10 for every 100 miles of aerobic activity they complete, up to 500 miles.

For more information on the open house, contact Virginia Murr, assistant director of health services and director of wellness, at 562-1348.

For more information on Great Walk 2006, contact Matt Symonds, assistant professor of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, at 562-1069.

BLOOD DRIVE



THE UNIVERSITY radio station X106.7 general manager Adam Lybarger gives blood on Thursday in the J.W. Jones Student Union. The Community Blood Center was the organization that came to Maryville to promote the blood drive. There are seven centers in the Missouri and Kansas region each hoping to collect 500 pints of blood a day.

Professor moves eastward

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Florence Fungai Chanetsa

She traveled halfway around the globe for her schooling and back again, and now she finds herself halfway around the country.

Florence Fungai Chanetsa started working for Northwest in August 2004 as an associate professor in the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance department. Chanetsa applied for a position at National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., and left Northwest in June 2005.

The National Institute of Health is the nation's medical agency, which provides leadership and financial support to researchers in every state.

Chanetsa works as a scientific review administrator in the Center for Scientific Review.

"My job at Northwest was to generate research funding by writing proposals and teaching," Chanetsa said. "My job here is administering research applications

to make recommendations to institutes for funding. I can say I am working at the other (end of the) spectrum of the research funding process."

Chanetsa was born the

sixth of seven children in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, and said she was fortunate because her parents were professionals; her father was a school superintendent and her mother was a teacher.

"The only hardship was growing up during the liberation struggle for independence," Chanetsa said. "(We had) to do without because sanctions were imposed on the then, Rhodesia."

Chanetsa traveled to the United States and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1980, soon after her homeland won independence and became Zimbabwe, she won a USAID scholarship to study nutrition.

She then pursued a degree in epidemiology at the School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh.

"I left before completing my graduate degree because my husband took a post-doctoral position," Chanetsa

said. "I later completed my Ph.D. at the University of Missouri-Columbia."

Chanetsa is married to Cleo Samudzi, the dean of the Missouri Academy. Samudzi and Chanetsa's son, Shingai, is a sophomore at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and their daughter, Zoé, stays with Chanetsa in Bethesda.

"My husband tries to come down and be with us as much as he can," Chanetsa said. "It is not easy, but we are both committed to seeing the arrangement work out for all of us."

Samudzi said the couple has spent time apart before when Chanetsa worked in Zimbabwe for two years.

"We've been married 20 years and we've been apart before," Samudzi said. "It is not always easy, but she does what she has to do and we compromise and work through it together."

While managing to balance both a family and a career, Chanetsa said her role model has been her late mother.

"She was a professional woman who managed to have a career at the same time having seven children," Chanetsa said. "She was a feminist when most women in her generation accepted a subservient role."

Attorney to speak on campus

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Northwest continues its Centennial lecture series with alumnus, attorney and death penalty opponent, Sean O'Brien.

The free presentation, "When Storytelling Means Life or Death" will take place at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Charles Johnson Theatre on the first floor of the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building.

O'Brien graduated from Northwest with a bachelor's degree in English in 1977, and earned a J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1980.

Representing death row inmates across the United States since 1983, he serves as director of the Public Interest Litigation Clinic, a non-profit law firm that specializes in representing possibly wrongfully accused in both capital and non-capital cases.

Currently, O'Brien is a visiting professor at the UMKC School of Law where he teaches courses on criminal law, criminal procedure and wrongful convictions.

O'Brien won the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate by Benedictine College for his work in opposition of the death penalty.

"O'Brien is a heroic figure and there aren't a great many heroic figures around these days," Goad said. "Great lawyers are able to tell clear stories, and I imagine that's part of Sean's skill is to make people sense these criminals as people with a story."

Goad recommends the lecture to anyone looking for a different death penalty perspective.

"Anybody who's a responsible citizen ought to care about the criminal justice system," Goad said. "A lot of people talk about the death penalty but they often don't know much about the death penalty. Sean does because he works with those matters on a regular basis."

Northwest's department of English nominated O'Brien as a centennial lecturer. Craig Goad, associate professor of English, said O'Brien was selected because he is very well known in the legal community throughout Kansas City and Jefferson City, Mo.

Sophomore Kelli Farris is for the death penalty in certain circumstances.

"I am a believer if you murder someone you deserve to die," she said.

However, some Northwest students do not agree with O'Brien's point of view.

"They waste too much money keeping them in prison for life," freshman Jared David said.

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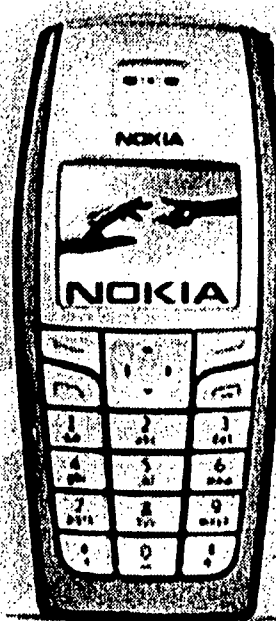
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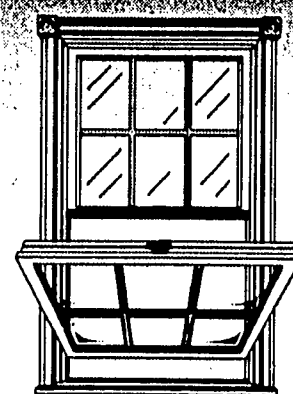
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Faculty takes expertise outside of classroom

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Northwest faculty and staff won't just lecture students anymore thanks to the new Speaker's Bureau.

The bureau is made up of Northwest faculty and staff who volunteer to give presentations to organizations on topics in which they have experience. It is part of a marketing plan to get information about Northwest to the general public.

According to Mary Ann Lowary, vice president of University Relations, the Speaker's Bureau formed several months ago when information was sent to all the departments asking for volunteers to become speakers in the areas in which they are experts.

Currently, there are 20 members of the bureau who speak on a variety of topics.

Steve Shively, associate professor of English, speaks as an expert on Willa Cather, the Harlem Renaissance, young adult literature, teaching English in public schools, ethnic literature and religion. He said he is excited about taking his role as a teacher off campus, and he hopes people take advantage of this program because he feels that the people involved in this have a lot to share.

"I think there are some topics on which I have interesting things to say," Shively said. "I am passionate about them and I like to share that with other people."

Lauren Leach, assistant professor of family and consumer sciences, gives presentations on family financial management, spending habits and responsible credit card use. Leach said she joined the

bureau because she has been working on researching a topic of interest to the general public and because she enjoys public speaking.

"It gives me an opportunity to talk to a different audience than students," Leach said, "I love talking to students, but when you talk to different groups you get different concerns different questions, it's just a whole different situation than teaching in the classroom."

While preparing for her presentations, Leach said one of her goals is to break down what she says so people can use their past experiences to grasp the new concept she is teaching.

"The way we learn is to take something new and click it to what we already know," she said.

The presentations are free except for a possible fee which may apply for transportation and other expenses.

"We hope everyone will want to participate," Lowary said. "We see this being a very positive way of promoting the university to the off campus community."

A complete listing of speakers is available at nwmissouri.edu/universityrelations under News and Events.

Organizations interested in having one of the speakers at an event should contact University Relations at 562-1119. They recommend organizations give at least two or three weeks of notice if possible.

Faculty and staff are still welcome and encouraged to join the Speaker's Bureau and can do so by contacting Lowary at 562-1119 or Anthony Brown, media relations specialist, at 562-1704.

Blunt makes second trip to Northwest

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Gov. Matt Blunt will return to campus for the Northwest Centennial Education Conference March 2 and 3.

Blunt will speak at 4 p.m. during the opening sessions on Thursday, March 2 in the J.W. Jones Student Ballroom. His remarks will follow an introduction by state Rep. Brad Lager of Missouri's 4th House District.

The conference will focus on Professional Learning Communities, an organizational concept in which pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school administrators and teachers collaborate to assess classroom activity and make decisions to improve student performance.

According to the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, some of the observed benefits of PLC's include reduced isolation of teachers, higher student morale and improved attendance and test scores.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said he is very supportive of the PLC's and is eager to see what Blunt has to say.

"This is a very powerful strategy for improving the quality of education," he said. "The fact that (Blunt) is coming here shows how much he cares about the topic and how much he wants to see it advance."

CORRECTIONS

In last week's article "Graduate requirements may change," we reported that 95.6 percent of Northwest faculty deemed computer literacy and skills at least "important."

This percentage is incorrect. The percentage was the results of a random survey among faculty from 13 public institutions across Missouri, not just Northwest.

Max Ruhl, dean of Northwest's College of Education and Human Services, said the university decided to hold the conference because of its original role as a state normal school.

"We weren't established (in 1905) to create nuclear physicists, but to create teachers," Ruhl said. "We have nearly 2,000 people at any given time on this campus who are in one stage or another in preparing to become certified teachers. It's a huge piece of what the institution does."

Teams of faculty from area public schools, as well as a handful of Northwest faculty and students, will attend the conference. Other dignitaries expected to attend include state senators David Klindt and Charles Shields, representatives from the department of elementary and secondary education and members of the Missouri Board of Education.

Conference presenters include Kent King, Missouri commissioner of elementary and secondary education, and Robert Eaker, former executive vice-president and provost at Middle Tennessee State University.

Eaker, along with Rebecca Dufour, co-wrote, "Getting Started: Reculturing Schools to Become Professional Learning Communities," in 2002. All public school teams in attendance will receive a free copy of the book for their schools.

CITYBRIEFS

Bond in Maryville for Listening Post

Jenny Rolf, a representative of U.S. Senator Christopher S. "Kit" Bond, will be in Maryville Thursday, Feb. 16, for a special Listening Post Forum. The event will start at 9 a.m. and will be held at Accent Printing, 114 W. 3rd St.

"These meetings give Missourians a chance to tell my staff what is on their minds and to ask important questions," Bond said in a recent release. "Thousands of Missourians regularly use these meetings and my office to navigate the federal governmental maze."

A Listening Post will also be held in both the Atchison and Holt County Courthouses at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively, on Feb. 16.

Nancy Thomson, executive director of Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, can be contacted at 582-5121 for more information on the Maryville Listening Post.

Northwest hires new web manager

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Northwest welcomed a new member to the family as they hired Wenlong Zheng as new web manager Jan. 27.

The hiring also sets into motion a long-term project to upgrade the Northwest Web site and to keep its information up to date.

Zheng has an extensive education background in computer science, both nationally and internationally.

He received his bachelor's degree from Wuhan University in Wuhan, China, in Optics Instrument.

While at Wuhan, he also earned a master's degree in Optoelectronics Engineering.

Zheng then moved onto the Shanghai Institute of Technical Physics in Shanghai, China, where he received his doctorate in Physics Electronics.

After completing his education in China, he moved to

the United States and enrolled at the University of Georgia in Athens, where he earned his master's degree in computer science.

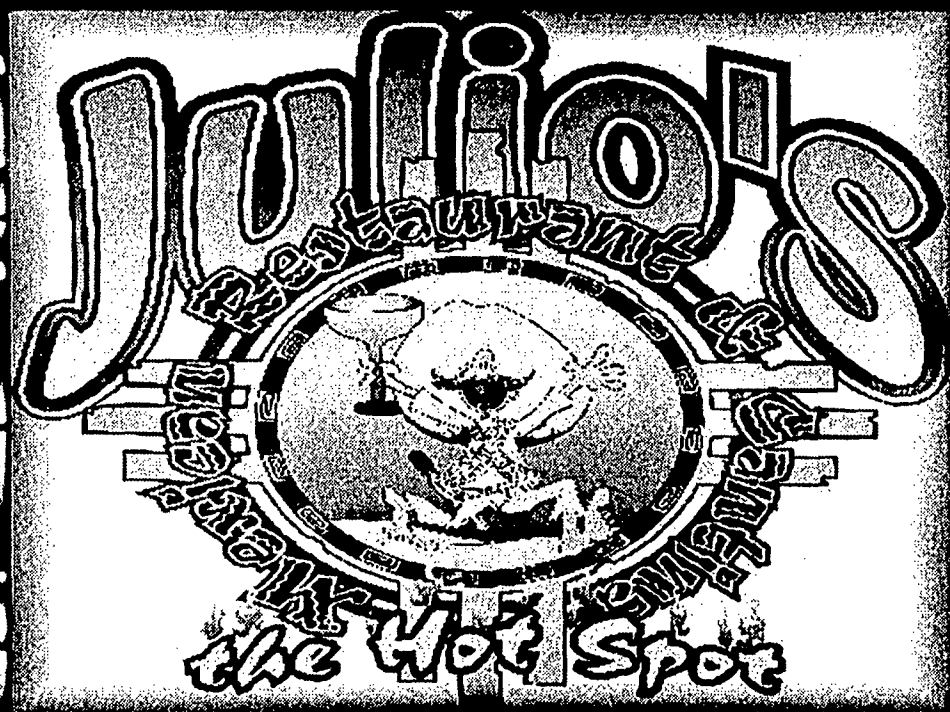
While at Georgia, he worked as a research assistant, where he maintained a Web site and a database.

Zheng also worked in the same capacity at the University of Auburn in Auburn, Ala., working with Linux network programming.

He also owns eight patents in wireless communication at the State Intellectual Property Office in China.

Vice president of information systems Jon Rickman said that filling the position and purchasing the right software puts the project on the right track.

"The project really got into full gear when we bought a content manager software called Collage," he said. "This will be a great advantage in keeping our Web site up to date, which is a problem now."



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One of the main concerns raised at last week's "Great Northwest Days at the Capitol" was the county's effort to attract more working-class families to the area.

Large businesses in the area already want to expand but cannot, because of the shortage of workers.

Economic figures over the last several years also show Nodaway County, as having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state year after year.

Almost a year ago the city approved a deal to expand Hy-Vee and bring other major retailers to the shopping center. Estimates at the time said the project would create an additional 200 full-time jobs, but with other local companies having a hard time finding people to fill spots, where will find those additional people?

City officials backed the plan last year, saying that in order to attract new people you have to have entertainment and quality shopping.

Those people also need quality and affordable housing.

Many families sought by the county can't afford most of the housing being built.

If workers cannot find affordable housing, they will not be able to come to Maryville even if they want to.

Last week one city official told lawmakers that Maryville faces the chicken and the egg concept of what came first; economic development or the people to spur that development.

To us here at the *Northwest Missourian* it appears the chicken has already arrived in Maryville and development is underway. Unfortunately, the hens have few places to lay their eggs.

MAILCALL

I am writing about a false statement attributed to Jim Wiederholt, code enforcement officer for Maryville, in an article in last week's paper. He stated that a survey was handed out to all downtown business owners in reference to the new sign ordinance.

I have been a downtown business owner in Maryville since 1987 and the first I ever heard of this survey was in your article.

However, I am not surprised. It is obvious that Wiederholt took his cue from Public Safety Director Keith Wood, who several years ago

was in charge of a similar survey about the speed limit on Market Street.

At that point in time I was living along Market Street and was not contacted.

The logical conclusion is that the city of Maryville has a blatant policy of discrimination and of ignoring the viewpoint of anyone they feel might disagree with the one they want to hear.

It is most sickening that city employees play fast and loose with the truth afterwards.

Steven L. Swaim

ANNOUNCEMENT

From now on the blotter will be printed the last Thursday of every month. Look for the next blotter in the Feb. 23 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*. Any announcements must be in the Friday before the blotter runs.



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Maryville, be careful what you wish for

The wishes just never stop flowing. People want Wendy's. People wish for a Taco Bell.

A few people drew themselves a river when St. Joseph, Mo., finally opened a Target store.

Not to be the bearer of bad news, but be careful what you wish for people.

In Maryville's case, attempting to live beyond our means might prove to be a drastic mistake.

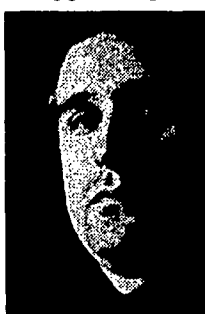
No one means to say that a branch of another national fast-food franchise would be completely unwelcome.

It works fine in theory. But I want to offer some degree of perspective as to why over-expansion would do our community few favors.

For one thing, Maryville lacks the resources to even support added competition in some markets.

If Maryville were to receive either of the aforementioned drive-thru mainstays, one of two things would happen: either the newcomer quickly fails in

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Opinion Editor

an already saturated market, or another business would close its doors and people would end up without jobs.

We don't have a year-round population with enough disposable income between them to keep everybody open.

The clientele pool spreads even thinner in summer, when businesses can't vie for the dollars of over 6,000 Northwest students.

Just to make a point of the obvious, anyone would hazard a guess what would happen after adding one more mouth to feed to the marketplace here in town?

One has to doubt whether it would even be possible to maintain a minimal staff during Maryville's down season for business, without watching money hemorrhage out the door.

Big national names tend to stay out of towns the size of Maryville for a reason: a population the size of ours just doesn't factor into their vision of profits.

Of course, exceptions arise occasionally. Holiday Inn and Applebee's slid into

the ring because we had an opening for competitors in those areas.

Bearcat home games drew more people than the existing hotels could accommodate, and for quite a while, A&G Restaurant represented the only semi-upscale dining option.

Both national chains could co-exist with their fellow competitors without flooding the market and hurting everyone else's business.

As a rural community with a population that fluctuates with the school year, Maryville possesses a questionable degree of disposable income.

To be honest, considering the level of profits needed to maintain a Wal-Mart SuperCenter, we ought to be grateful to have that.

So all of this also begs a question: why does it sometimes feel that Nodaway County doesn't have an accurate perspective of the means within which people live?

With a virtually nonexistent unemployment rate, finding affordable off-campus housing can become a real trial for students and low-income families.

Even if one should find a job, that still leaves the

task of how to afford some of Maryville's more unrealistically priced apartments.

Unfortunately, some of those places become the only option, for lack of livable low-income housing.

Of course, year after year, few of the businesses rumored to march into Maryville never arrive.

We don't get a Wendy's, and as for Taco Bell—well, we already have two Mexican restaurants next door to one another plus Taco Johns; I don't have visions of gorditas and talking Chihuahuas dancing in my head.

Simply put, Maryville will grow and evolve. Northwest sits on the verge of becoming a more and more formidable household name in Missouri higher education.

It's a matter of time before another opportunity like Ventría presents itself, and with that will come a catalyst for growth.

But until then, nature needs to run its course until the right conditions exist for the expansion both Northwest students and Maryville's more permanent residents would like to see.

Until that time, Maryville just isn't ready.

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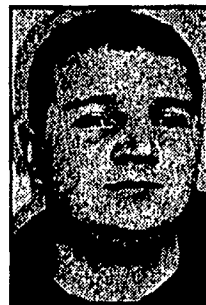
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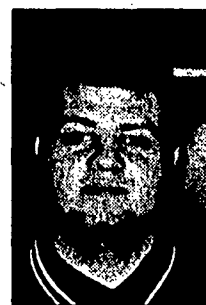
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Answers to the importance of black history

Every so often, the question of the need for, or importance of Black History Month comes up.

Why is Black History Month important?

The answer is simple, maybe so simple that it often gets overlooked or lost in all the talk.

Black History is American history and American citizens should be aware of and understand all of their history.

There is Presidents Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Independence Day because it is generally accepted that these people and events have positively impacted America and thus should be celebrated, and rightly so.

But it is just as important to recognize and celebrate all of the cultures represented in America and all of the people who have contributed to its progress.

This month at Northwest, we celebrate people of African descent who have invented, improved on inventions and been pioneers in their fields.

These are people who are often overlooked and rarely celebrated in popular media.

Do you know Sarah Boone, Alexander Miles, Patricia Bath, Charles Drew or Dale Williams?

You should.

Their work and that of countless others has improved the quality of life for all of us. Until we truly live in a society where there is no color line, it is to the benefit of all to seek out and appreciate these unsung heroes.

In his now famous book, "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions," Thomas Kuhn suggests that the move towards scientific truth happens gradually through para-



Anne Lambert

digm shifts.

A paradigm shift occurs when scientists encounter anomalies that cannot be explained by the current paradigm or world view.

In the same way, stereotypes are gradually rejected and exchanged for truth by the people who hold them when they are challenged by anomalies in the form of people and facts that do not fit the stereotype.

Black History Month provides an opportunity for all to learn about, and encounter all kinds of anomalies, past and present, that will challenge the prevailing view of people of color in America.

For African Americans, Black History Month is a breath of fresh air - an opportunity to get away from the skewed messages that dodge their path.

The accomplishments of past heroes serve both as an inspiration and a call to arms.

When life gets tough, as it sometimes will for all of us, people of color can look back at those like them who accomplished great things in spite of seemingly insurmountable odds.

They are reminded that the seed of greatness lies in all of us and if we dream big, work hard and don't quit, no matter what, we too will succeed.

If those who have gone before us did not allow obstacles like discrimination, hate, ignorance, poverty or the very real threat of bodily harm to deter them from making their dreams reality, then we cannot either.

So this month, as we celebrate past achievers and look forward to new ones, let us remember that this is not just a black thing, or a diversity thing. This is an American thing.

Creative writing, reporting must be kept separate

By Richard Pulfer
Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

DEKALB, Ill. -- James Frey starts out his discredited memoir, "A Million Little Pieces," with a broken nose, four missing teeth and a hole in his cheek.

Since then, Frey ends his time in the spotlight bearing a broken movie deal, a shameful confession on "Oprah," an equally shameful parody starring Steve Martin on "Saturday Night Live" and a black hole in place of his reputation.

James Frey's firing-squad appearance on "Oprah" highlights the dubious distinction between truth and nonfiction. Enrolled in a Creative Writing Non-Fiction class this semester, I have had my friends tell me the "creative" part of the title bears some sort of contradiction with "nonfiction."

I've tried to explain that it isn't that simple; if you remove the "creative" part from the equation, you are left with something no more exciting nor personal than a tax audit.

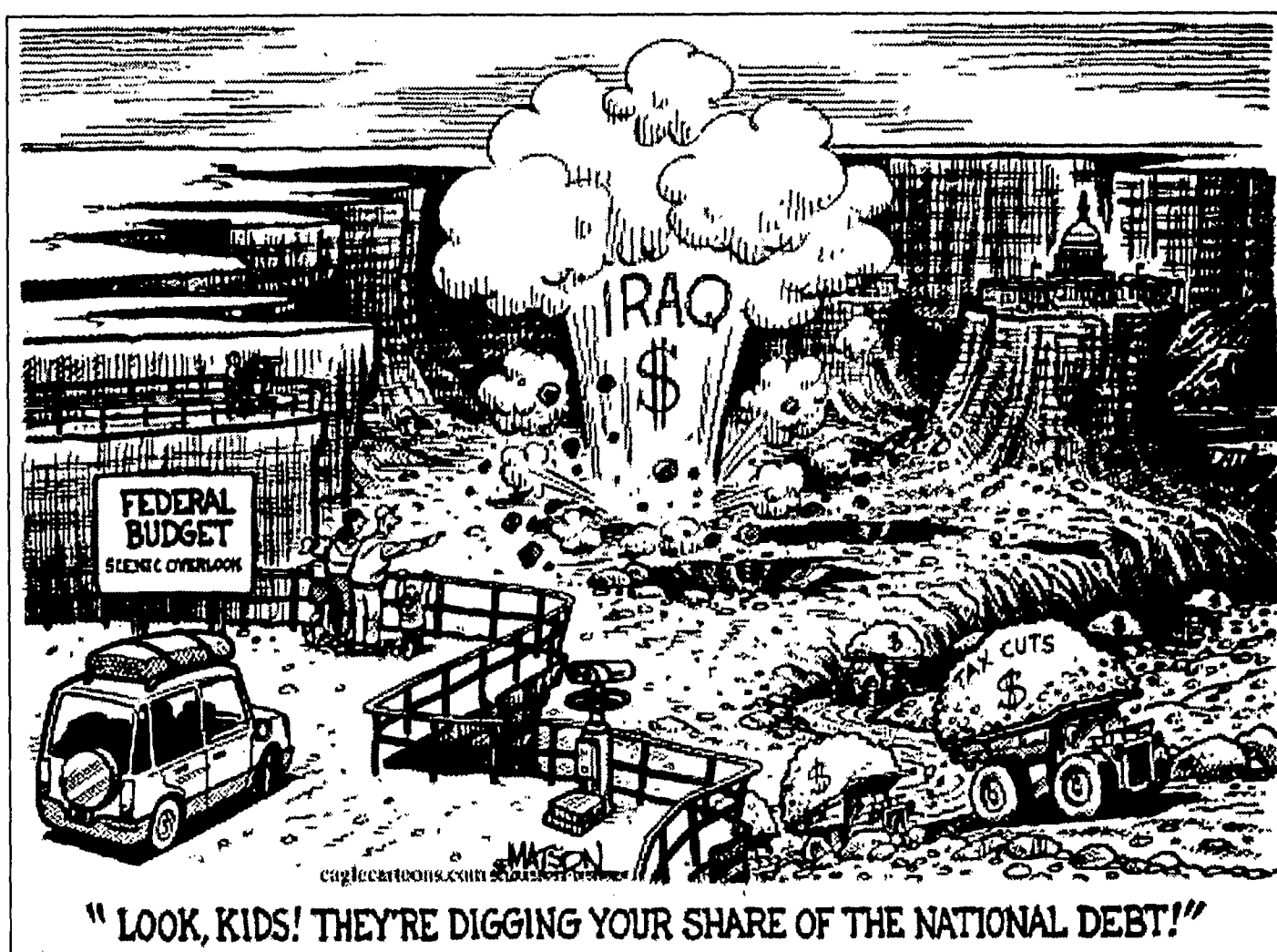
As an editor once pointed out to me, there is an explicit difference between being a

writer and being a reporter. Whenever I walk through the doors of the Northern Star, I am a reporter. There's writing involved, but the facts are more important than any sense of style or identity.

When I sit down to write anything, be it script, novel or memoir, my connection with the audience is more important than any fact. Within the pages of a book, identity can be meticulously crafted, but memory is a bit harder to manipulate. Memory is not a play-rewind tape recorder, but instead, something we create and recreate every day of our lives.

I don't really know how Frey envisioned staying in jail for years or brushing with the police numerous times when neither really happened. I don't approve of Frey's actions.

I don't know what Frey was thinking, or how much was a ruthless effort to make money or merely an ill-thought attempt to inspire. Ultimately, I know only that what I report and what I write are two very different things, and mixing the two can be like mixing liquor and painkillers, leading to disastrous revelations the next morning.



Speech acceptable when Bush approves

Free speech is OK if it doesn't criticize the Bush Administration's efforts or policies.

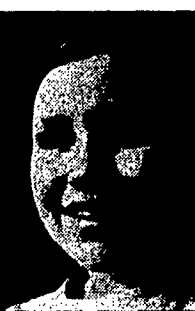
This message rang woe-fully clear during President Bush's State of the Union Address Jan. 31, when two women wore T-shirts into the House gallery but police arrested only one.

U.S. Capitol Police incarcerated peace activist Cindy Sheehan for expressing her disgust with the war in Iraq with a T-shirt bearing the question: "2,245 dead. How many more?"

That same night, Beverly Young, wife of Republican powerhouse, Bill Young, wore a T-shirt urging people to "Support Our Troops." She was also asked to leave the chambers; however, she was not arrested.

The women were escorted

Faith Defined



Stephanie Stangl
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out because House rules bar demonstrations of any kind in the galleries.

It's a good thing Sheehan's charges of unlawful conduct were dropped, because if that's the House's policy, Young should have also served jail time for her silent protest; or better, neither should have.

Despite the fact police released Sheehan and the Capitol Police concede they undoubtedly messed up, the damage has already been done.

The Bush Administration has made it apparent that protests are acceptable if they support the administration.

"She has a real passion for our troops and she shows it in many, many ways," Bill Young said as a means to justify his wife's actions and

express his anger at her being asked to leave.

Sheehan lost her son, Casey, to the war. Apparently, it's not OK to be passionate about ending something that tore her life apart.

It's OK to be passionate about supporting something you believe in or don't believe in, only if the Bush Administration gives the go ahead.

"I don't want to live in a country that prohibits any person, whether he/she has paid the ultimate price for that country, from wearing, saying, writing or telephoning any negative statements about the government," Sheehan wrote in her blog.

Neither do I. Both women should have been allowed to wear whatever they wish.

Beverly's husband went on to say, "(My wife was asked to leave) because she had on a shirt that someone didn't like that said support our troops."

He failed to admit Sheehan was kicked out for the same reason: wearing something someone disliked.

One woman being kicked out was justified but the other wasn't.

Biased towards his wife? Maybe.

Biased towards the administration? Most definitely.

Also, the method used to escort each woman out of the chamber differed significantly.

Young was politely escorted out of the building.

Police roughly hauled Sheehan out of her seat with her hands behind her back and shoved up the stairs.

Every literally painful step Sheehan was forced to take that night serves as a deplorable reminder of the injustices and discrimination of the Bush Administration.

Free speech is free if President Bush likes what you have to say.

Creating affordable, accessible health care

In his State of the Union address, President Bush cited an alarming statistic. He said that nearly 1,500 counties in our country do not have an Obstetricians/ Gynecology.

This fact puts women and newborn children at risk. Although there are probably several reasons why those counties don't have OB/GYNs, the fact remains that we have a growing problem in our state and in our nation surrounding access to affordable health care.

One problem that the general assembly is working to address is the crisis surrounding medical malpractice insurance.

Medical malpractice insurance prices had been

Capitol Report



Brad Lager

steady for nearly a decade, but in recent years they have skyrocketed.

The rising cost has been a result of the growing number of claims filed and the limited number of companies now willing to provide this coverage.

Reports indicate one in 10 general doctors will have a claim filed against them each year.

One of every two neurosurgeons has a lawsuit filed against them each year, as well as one-third of obstetricians, emergency room physicians, trauma surgeons, and orthopedists.

The sad part is that eight out of 10 lawsuits now filed are found to be without merit.

We made great strides

last year to help our medical community by limiting the ability to file frivolous lawsuits that were chasing doctors out of our state.

That is one part of the equation.

The next step requires reforms to our medical malpractice insurance laws.

These reforms will limit an insurer's ability to dramatically increase premiums without prior notice, limit their ability to drop an insurance plan without giving a doctor adequate time to find an alternative provider and require insurance companies selling medical malpractice policies to file their rates.

It must be with the Department of Insurance so that we can ensure that excessive, inadequate and discriminatory policies do not happen.

This is one step in a long journey that will improve

doctors' access to insurance and ensure the public's ability to access the doctors they need.

I will continue to work hard to provide every Missourian with the opportunity to get the care they need in order to have a happy, healthy life.

We must reduce the cost of health care by embracing new technologies, improving the flow of medical information and helping medical providers with cumbersome rules.

It is time to begin changing the way that we view health care and reform the laws and regulations that direct the way health care policies are applied.

I am confident we can make changes that will improve the lives of Missourians while ensuring high-quality health care exists at an affordable price.

National figures notice great things in Missouri

I like to promote the products and the people of the Sixth Congressional District whenever and however I can.

Recently, though, I have noticed that some national figures are starting to take notice of the good things going on here in Missouri.

Last month the Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez visited our largest employer in the Sixth District, the Claycomo Ford plant. He was there to highlight hybrid vehicles that drastically increase the miles per gallon for each Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner produced.

Straight Talk



Sam Graves

The Sixth District is also a major producer of ethanol.

The corn is grown right here in northwest Missouri and then processed at ethanol plants in Craig, Mo., and two other plants around Missouri. Ethanol blends like 10 percent can be found at your local gas station.

The cutting edge E85, which is made of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent unleaded gasoline, can be found at 28 stations throughout Missouri with more coming soon.

One of the challenges we face as

a nation is our reliance on foreign sources of energy.

Not only is it dangerous, but it's expensive. We must continue to look for ways to decrease our dependence on foreign oil.

I will continue to promote alternative fuels and vehicles in Washington, D.C.

Our largest employer is a leader in automotive hybrids, while our farmers are growing energy sources right in their fields.

It seems to me that the Sixth Congressional District is leading the way when it comes to finding solutions to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

CITYBRIEFS

Scam attempts prompt warnings by Chamber of Commerce

Friday, the Maryville Chamber of Commerce received a report from a local merchant that someone attempted to charge merchandise with falsified information.

Hineline Furniture, located at 1122 S. Main St., reported to the Chamber that someone called via TDD (telecommunication device for the deaf) to place an order for merchandise and have it picked up by someone else. When the credit card, name and address were verified, the information turned out to be false.

The TDD call came over the Internet, making it difficult to track the call. The incident has been reported to Maryville Public Safety.

Nursing programs being offered

Maryville students will have the chance to attend nursing programs at North Central Missouri College in fall 2006.

Maryville R-2 School District and NCMC have a partnership allowing students interested in pursuing a career in nursing to complete the Level I and Level II nursing programs at the Northwest Technical School campus.

NCMC President Neil Nuttall and Maryville Superintendent Vickie Miller completed the agreement with an official signatory celebration. Northwest Technical School Director Michael Jordan and NCMC site coordinator for the nursing program Sue Nichols were also in attendance.

Miller said the ultimate goal is to enable students to receive an associate degree in nursing at the Maryville site.

Kawasaki gives to Maryville's downtown revitalization

The Campaign for Community Renewal received \$135,000 from Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corporation.

"Hopefully, it will help bring people to Maryville," said Steve Bratt, plant manager of Kawasaki in Maryville, in a press release. "I think first impressions are always important, and when we have our own customers coming to tour our facility, they also tour the town, and to give them a good impression is important to us."

This donation marks the largest by a corporation so far for the revitalization project.

Bratt said that the plant is also planning on helping out with Phase II of the downtown project.

"We're ready for them to come south on this project," he said. "We're anxiously looking for beautification in the southern part closer to Kawasaki."

The donation puts the Campaign total to \$1.4 million. Phase I is estimated to cost approximately \$1.7 million.

Prescription discount cards available

By Jared Bailey
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Nodaway County now issues coupon-like cards to those seeking discounts on prescription drugs.

The county began handing out cards to those who appeared at the Maryville courthouse with a request, Oct. 1, 2005. To get one of these official pieces of paper, a person simply needs to go to County Clerk Beth Hann's office. Nothing pertaining to insurance or medical history dictates eligibility. However, the real test begins

at the pharmacy.

The original idea behind the discount drug plan was to save money for as many people possible with very little hassle. That may not prove so simple. The pharmacists judge whether or not a customer with a discount card will have prices slashed. Between Oct. 1, 2005, and Jan. 1, 277 people received cards. But only 190 actually received discounts on medicine because of it.

Hann attributes this difference to the type of coverage people have prior to receiving the discount card.

"What we are finding is that the person with no coverage benefits more," said Hann. "At the national level, they were trying to assist people with no coverage."

The idea for cards is not something strictly limited to Nodaway County. The drug plan has been put into effect by Caremark RX; a health care company, and National Association of Counties (NACo). Yet, the main factor might not just be whether or not a customer has coverage, or the type of coverage they possess.

"This (the discount

card) is most beneficial if Caremark has an agreement with a drug company for a rebate," said Carters Pharmacy pharmacist Dan Thompson.

Different rebates apply to different drugs. The actual name and type of drug will have one of the biggest effects on eligibility for the discount. Residents should still probably try to get a discount card. There is no cost and the pharmacist will help to see if any money can be saved when the customers show up at the drug store.

30 scholarships available to Missouri's graduating seniors

Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be made eligible to graduating high school students whose parents are energy customers of Aquila in Missouri.

Students must meet criteria to be eligible for the scholarship. Parents of the student must be residential, commercial or industrial electric or natural gas customers of Aquila.

Students must also be seniors in the academic top 25 percent of their high school class, or score a 21 or higher on the ACT or 980 or higher on the SAT.

Graduates must plan to attend an accredited college, university or community college as a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree. Applicants cannot be related to current or retired Aquila employees.

Applications must be submitted by March 17 to the location listed on the forms. Award recipients will be announced in May.

To pick up an application, go to area school offices that normally handle scholarships. Forms can also be requested from the Aquila External Affairs Department at (888) 521-4059, or go to Aquila.com.

CORRECTIONS

Last week *The Missourian* incorrectly reported that the Nodaway County Missourian Center would be hosting Susan Montee, a candidate for the Missouri State Auditor, tonight at 6:30. The Nodaway County Democrats are hosting the event and it will take place at the Senior Center. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

"Smooth Sailing" registrations begins

By Alison Glasscock
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The wails and giggles of soon 5-year-old children will soon fill the halls of Eugene Field Elementary School.

It's time to start thinking about the first day of school and the very first step is Kindergarten Registration.

Registration is a very important process for parents as well as school officials. Parents sign their children up for screening times and receive information about the "Smooth Sailing" program.

According to Principal Steve Klotz "Smooth Sailing" is a day when parents visit the classrooms and learn the ins and outs of a typical kindergarten day.

Registration also prepares the teachers for the amount of students. Staff members get an idea of the amount of supplies that will be needed in the 2006-2007 school year. To be eligible for registration children must be 5-years-old by Aug 1.

There are a few things parents must bring. Proof of residency must be shown: a water bill, rental bill, or a driver's license are all acceptable. The school requires a Social Security number and the \$30 snack and milk fee is due. Parents must also present a birth certificate and a copy of the child's immunization record.

Every child must have all required immunizations before attending school in

August.

Required immunizations include: two MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), four DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus), and three polio. One of the polio, MMR and the DPT shots must be given on or before the child's 4th birthday.

The Varicella (Chicken pox) vaccine is required or the parent must bring a signed sheet with the month and year the child had the disease. The Hepatitis B series must be completed prior to the start of school. The series takes six months to complete so February is the latest opportunity to start.

School nurse Christine Allenbrand suggests that parents start and finish all immunizations as soon as possible.

"Parents should get their children's shots early so they don't associate shots with school," Allenbrand said. "We want them to feel like this is a place to learn and to have fun."

All vaccines are available at the Nodaway County Health Department.

"I'm very excited about meeting the new class every year," Klotz said. "Each year is different and there are always new surprises."

At Eugene Field Elementary School the process begins Feb. 21 through Feb. 23 in the school office. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 21, 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 22, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 23.

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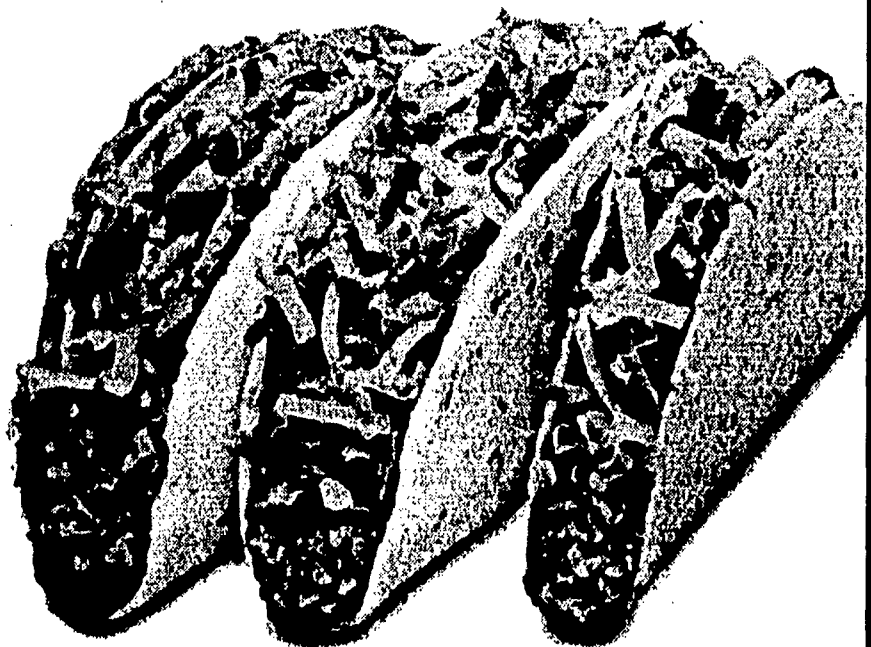
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Area monestary honored for clean energy

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The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration so love God's green Earth, that a national partnership offered a note of praise for their environmental consciousness.

The Green Power Partnership, a partnership between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and over 600 environmental interest groups nationwide, recently named the Benedictine Sisters to the national Green Power Leadership Club for 2005. The Benedictine Sisters qualified for membership by purchasing approximately 1.6 million kilowatt-hours of wind-generated electricity.

For lack of a local wind-generated alternative to their energy needs, the BSPA signed an agreement with the GPP to purchase wind energy from wind farms elsewhere in the country. By purchasing renewable energy certificates, or "green tags," a wind farm in California deposited an equivalent amount of wind power to the national grid, which by law must be used prior to utilizing energy from conventional sources. In only one year, the BSPA has already made a considerable contribution to preserving fossil fuels and easing environmental strain.

Sister Joan Ridley, Order of Saint Benedict (OSB), manages much of the BSPA's Green Power initiative. She reported their contribution saved 2.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide, nearly 86 million pounds of sulfuric dioxide and nearly 4,400 pounds of nitrogen oxide from entering the environment. The BSPA contributions result in seemingly paying for two sources of energy, but Ridley accepts it as a part of providing for the good of the environment.

"It [the wind power] doesn't go directly to, say, Aquila," Ridley said. "But some providers happen to buy that and use it directly instead of fuel-generated electrics. It's not actually directly helping our immediate area, but somewhere else in the country, it's displacing the fossil fuel-generated electricity."

Looking to the future, the BSPA await the completion of an estimated 88-turbine wind farm in nearby Gentry County. The first wind farm in Missouri would provide power to an estimated 15,000 to 30,000 homes, which could provide a closer-to-



SISTER KATHERINE Ann Smolik, manager of the Alter Bread department, stands next to millions of tiny biodegradable packaging pellets used to distribute communication wafers.

home source for the BSPA's wind power needs.

In the meantime, the BSPA continue to renovate their day-to-day operation and their monestary itself to meet their goals of more efficient energy, and energy usage. On a larger scale, the BSPA look to soon retrofit their adjacent medical facility with a geothermal heating and cooling system to cut their overall usage of electricity and propane.

Possibly completed by the end of the year, the project would culminate nearly eight years of research and planning conducted by the sisters themselves. Vertical ground loops would run 150-350 feet deep in rows of 10. Each loop could handle approximately one ton of air-conditioning load powered by constantly heated underground water. The system would rely on the heat of the Earth rather than burning fossil fuels, and provide a more efficient transfer of heat in and out of the facility, resulting in less electricity being used.

Starting in 1996, the industrious sisters installed over 500 double-paned windows with the help of only one outside carpenter. The windows saved an estimated 30,000 gallons of fuel for heating by installing the heat-trapping windows with increased insulation and tighter fitting. Combined with a higher-efficiency boiler and motion detectors to shut off lights when no one is

present, the sisters have sliced their energy usage dramatically.

In a smaller way, the BSPA have helped curb a much less obvious environmental polluter through their one-of-a-kind production of the only low-gluten altar bread. Their shipments arrive packed in a biodegradable material made of cornstarch.

"We do quite a high volume, and we thought one way we could help would be to get a different kind of 'peanut' [packing material]," said Alter Bread Department Manager Sister Katherine Ann Smolik, OSB. "They work very well, and when you put it in water, they just dissolve. About every three or four weeks we put in an order for these huge bags of packing peanuts."

Director of Communications Kelley Baldwin applauds the self-motivated initiative of the sisters in finding a variety of ways to conserve energy—from geothermal and wind energy, to biodegradable packing materials.

"It's been very brave," Baldwin said. "They pick a topic, dive right into it and learn all they can, and become experts, in the end. A lot of folks wouldn't even have the time, energy or resources to embark on something like geothermal energy, but it's obviously very near and dear to their hearts."

Students offer tax assistance to residents

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Every year April 15 sneaks up on everyone.

However, this year, community members can receive extra help from students to make the dreaded tax season go more smoothly.

Community Services, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that provides many different services to the low-income families of the five county areas of northwest Missouri.

Volunteers from the community and Northwest students help families prepare resumes and find employment, offer energy assistance and help low income individuals become self-sufficient.

During the tax season, volunteers go through training with the IRS to learn how to use their software system to prepare free tax assistance for low-income families. After learning the system, they are required to pass test to show they know how to process taxes correctly.

"The system is very easy and no one needs an accounting degree to help out," said Angela Perkins, coordinator of Volunteerism and Service Learning.

The organization provides assistance in child-tax credits

and earned income tax credits. Assistance is also offered for the elderly and handicap for Missouri property tax credit.

Low-income individuals can begin the process by bringing in their tax forms and filling out applications to gain the tax service for free.

"This benefits low-income individuals who may not have enough money for tax services so they can have it done free of charge. Plus it keeps the community contact through volunteers," said Kim Heriford, MIS Technical Support and Training/Monitoring Coordinator.

Community Services, Inc. is looking for self-motivated individuals to volunteer.

Volunteers should be interested in preparing income taxes, fundraising and gaining internships. The hours are flexible with student schedules.

"I think this is an excellent program and hope to continue it for quite a while," Heriford said.

Students or community members interested in volunteering may contact Kim Heriford at Community Services, Inc. at 582-3113.

To find additional information potential volunteers can go to the organization's Web site Communityservicesinc.org.

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still try to work out a deal." Northwest Vice President of Finance and Support Services Ray Courter said there is now more certainty from the state.

With the funds from the MOHELA sale and what the school is kicking in, the school will have enough to complete the incubators and the cold shell of the academic portion of the center.

Courter said roughly \$5 million additional would be needed to complete construction of the other side of the center and roughly \$4 million more for the equipment.

An update released last week by Hubbard, said the

school was currently in various stages of negotiations with four other possible tenants for the center.

Hubbard also stated that the design for the center had been modified to make it more generic so it could accommodate a wide variety of biotechnology applications.

He also stated that one area of emphasis would focus on alternative fuels due to Northwest's pioneering in the field.

"Northwest is widely recognized as a leader in the use of non-fossil fuels," Hubbard said in the statement. "This has saved the state nearly \$10 million compared to the purchase of natural gas."

MOHELA: Sale to fund capital improvements for universities

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Prior to MOHELA's proposal, Financial Aid Director Del Morley appeared cautious about the original prospect of losing such an active educational support organization to privatization.

"It will reduce one of our options for private loans," Morley said. "I think you'll be less likely to get a sympathetic ear on the end. MOHELA offers some of the better payment incentives nationwide. Every time two companies merge, there's less competition. There's less incentive to be customer-friendly."

Later, he appeared both relieved and satisfied that MOHELA would remain a member of Missouri's higher education community.

"I'm anxious to see how this whole thing plays out," Morley said. "Even though we're not

very immediately affected one way or the other, it's a good thing that a local organization continues to provide assistance to state organizations and financial-aid activities for out of state."

Shaffner sees Missouri's students and families as winners on every front. Stafford loan borrowers retain another lending option, while their respective schools may explore various improvement projects, thanks to the sale's revenue. In the meantime, MOHELA may also pursue legislation that would broaden their lending versatility to include direct lending to undergraduate students and loans to parents needing assistance paying for private elementary and secondary education.

"The sale of these assets will be used to fund projects on college campuses," Shaffner said. "Those experiments will result in better environments to study

in. There's a trickle-down effect that happens."

"It could help the universities that receive these new buildings attract maybe even more qualified instructors."

For MOHELA, everything could come out in the wash. Already a non-profit organization that pumps interest collected on loans back into funding for education, MOHELA could generate further funding without really losing anything; MOHELA would cut no jobs, and would sell loans already serviced by outside organizations without needing to make any significant adjustments. MOHELA would continue to handle the same amount, if not more, loans than before.

And everything happens while maintaining MOHELA's discounts and loan-forgiveness programs that made it an attractive lending option in the

first place.

The first major steps of the sale, according to Shaffner, would occur in early September, allowing MOHELA to identify and share portfolio characteristics with interested buyers. Interested parties have already contacted MOHELA to make advance requests for pertinent information, though MOHELA has yet to discuss pricing of their assets.

"You might see something you want that means a lot to you that you'd be willing to pay 50 bucks for, and somebody else could come along and say 'I'd give you five for it,'" Shaffner explained. "Student loan portfolios can behave like that, in that it might be more valuable to Person-A than Person-B."

"In the marketplace today, consolidated loans are popular, so it's an asset that holders of loans like to have."

No vehicle is safe Nixon schedules MOHELA hearings

By Andrew Glover
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Last Thursday a rash of reports were called in regarding Maryville residents vehicles.

Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said on Thursday evening, Feb. 2, four to five incidences of vandalism happened to cars in the community.

Mayor Mike Thompson's wife, Vickie, had her '92 Toyota Celica damaged.

According to Vickie, she returned home from work at approximately 5:30 p.m., let her dog out and began to vacuum up a mess her dog had made. Just after she finished, her neighbor walked by, came up to her door and told her it appeared someone attempted to break into her car.

Vickie said her driver side of the car was heavily dam-

aged with blows to the hood, rear spoiler and her driver side window.

Nothing was taken from inside the car, but the damage had been done; the amount of the exceeded \$1,000.

The prop used to vandalize Vickie's vehicle was a lead rod, which was left at the scene.

Later the same evening a report of vandalism was filed at another location, with a total of five reports called in. The instances didn't happen in the same area; which leaves Wood to conclude that these were random acts of the suspects.

Wood said no suspects have been named, but he feels that it was the act of juveniles.

Michael feels even though he is the mayor that was not part of the motive for these actions, since his wife's car was not the only car damaged.

By David A. Lieb

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - When the board of Missouri's college loan authority approved a plan to sell about half of its loan assets, it acted in a matter of minutes without any discussion.

That's because before the public meeting, the board members had been privately and thoroughly briefed about the plan in a series of one-on-one telephone calls among the agency's director, board chairwoman and other members.

Missouri law requires meetings of public bodies to be open to the public, whether conducted in person or by phone.

A 1986 state appeals court ruling said a discussion involving less than a quorum of members does not constitute a public meeting. But it also said that secret small-group get-togethers cannot be held with the intent of deliberately sidestepping

the Sunshine Law.

The director of the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority said Tuesday that the private, individual discussions in advance of the Jan. 31 public meeting were not intended to avoid a public discussion.

"We are absolutely positive we did not have any meetings or violate any open meeting requirements," Raymond Bayer Jr., MOHELA's interim executive director, said in an interview.

The plan adopted at the quick public meeting endorsed the sale of \$2.4 billion in loan assets this year and the gradual sale of additional loans to net a total of \$450 million for Gov. Matt Blunt's higher education initiatives. It was presented as an alternative to Blunt's original plan, announced Jan. 26, to sell MOHELA outright.

Under the Sunshine Law, The Associated Press obtained a copy of an e-mail sent Jan. 26 by Bayer to the

seven MOHELA board members in which he outlined the potential alternative of selling loans to achieve Blunt's funding goals while still saving MOHELA's current structure.

"I would like to have the opportunity to visit by phone with each of you in the very near future to further discuss our options and the next steps," Bayer wrote while listing his cell phone number.

Bayer said Tuesday that he had at least a dozen phone calls with individual board members during which he discussed the plan and received their suggestions. Board chairwoman Karen Luebbert, of Chesterfield, also talked by phone with some board members, he said. But a majority of board members never talked together, he said, and they had not seen the three-page written proposal until the public meeting.

"But they were all extremely familiar with what it was going to say," Bayer said. "Based on the phone calls...they knew exactly what the terms were."

The legality of the individual phone conversations with MOHELA board mem-

bers may be a matter of interpretation, said attorney Jean Maneke, a Sunshine Law expert for the Missouri Press Association.

"The whole question would go down to what was the intent of the body," Maneke said. To be considered illegal, "you'd have to prove to the court that there was an intent to avoid a public discussion on the issue."

Bayer said that was not the case.

The intent, he said, was "to make sure the plan that we were further developing was consistent with what the board wanted," he said, "and to get their input as it was moving along very, very quickly."

Attorney General Jay Nixon also has raised concerns about last week's quick decision by the MOHELA board.

He plans a series of public hearings about the proposed loan sale, the first of which is scheduled for Thursday in St. Louis.

"I don't know if it's the right thing to do," Nixon told the Columbia Daily Tribune. "All I know is that the public needs to be involved in it."

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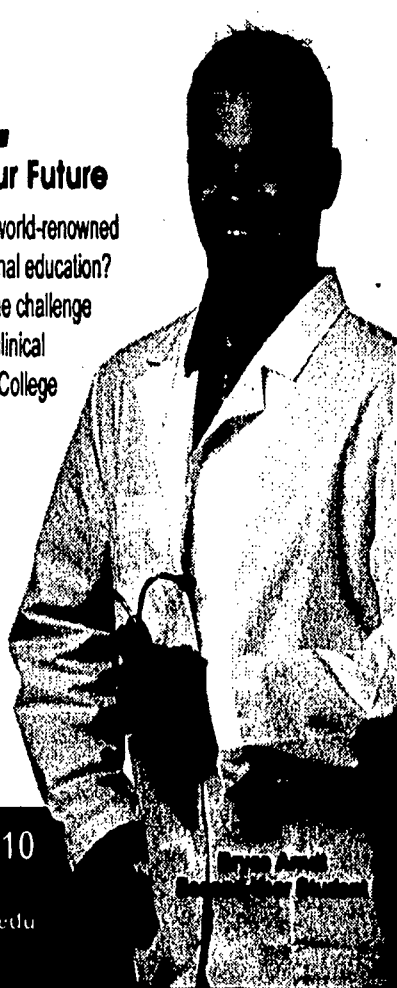
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Stealing the show



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JEFFERSON HIGH School Eagles senior Jared Dowis rips the ball out of Northwest Nodaway Blue Jay senior Ryan Davis on Tuesday night in Ravenwood, Mo. The Eagles did not let the Blue Jays score in the first quarter.

Jefferson boys' basketball is emerging as a powerhouse despite lack of attention

By Cole Young
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CONCEPTION, Mo.—The gym is quiet except for a few elementary school kids shooting free throws on the sidelines.

In the middle of the gym, Jefferson Eagles' basketball coach Tim Jermain goes over the day's practice schedule with his 19 players. The practice list is pretty simple today: pressure defense.

This mentality has turned this school on a hill overlooking Conception Abbey into a Class 1 boys basketball powerhouse and earned them an undefeated record and the top ranking in Missouri for their division.

The team's t-shirts even reinforce it: Hustle, teamwork, pressure defense.

After finishing last season in second-place at state and a 30-2 record, the expectations in the town of Conception are high, especially considering all but one starter is back for this year's team.

How high? There's buzz that this could be the team to finally equal the 2000 state championship team.

Jermain wants a timeout.

Less than 90 seconds into the second half against St. Joseph Christian, the Eagles have already committed three fouls and three turnovers.

The coach sits all five starters, their 26-point halftime lead still intact. After a minute of sitting on the bench, the defense re-enters, turning up their full court defense.

A St. Joe Christian fan mutters under his breath.

"These boys are just too fast," he says.

He couldn't be more accurate. What the team doesn't have in giants, it makes up for with a type of organized chaos, creating havoc for their opponents.

The team has one legitimate big man, 6'5" sophomore Doug Archer, who comes off the bench.

After causing 31 turnovers, Jefferson walked away with a 67-33 victory.

"Sometimes you have to almost play against yourself," Jermain tells his team after the game. "We just have to keep getting better every single game."

Ideally, every game would be a tune-up for the trip to the state championships again, but several bumps loom ahead if the team wants to return. No. 6 North Andrew and No. 8 Braymer would possibly be the team's first and second round games of the playoffs.

"We have a big bull's-eye on our back," senior Jared Dowis said. "That's what makes us want to just keep working harder and harder."

Stanberry was supposed to give Jefferson a tough matchup. Earlier in the season, they had given the Eagles their closest game of the year—24 points.

Think Jefferson didn't realize that? At the end of the first quarter the

see **DEFENSE** on 3B

8

points short of a state title last year

25

schools in Missouri who have a lower enrollment

15

the amount of steals the 2000 state championship team averaged per game

46

consecutive Platte Valley Conference wins. The record spanned from 1997-2004.

54

total enrollment at Jefferson High School

65

percent the percentage of Jefferson High School boys who play basketball

A balance of faith and competition

Second in a two-part series

By Jerome Boettcher
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While heads bow and hands join, a football floats through the air, both sidelines praying for one outcome or the other.

As a game-winning field goal or a last second shot is in process, many things are going on through the minds of players, fans and coaches. One of things could be prayer for a much-wanted outcome.

However, some believe that the outcomes of sports having nothing to do with the amount of prayer.

"God doesn't care who wins or loses if you do it with the right attitude," said Countryside Christian Church campus minister Derek Walker.

Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdma also said praying one way or another for a team probably won't do much good.

"You can't get caught up with praying to win or praying to lose or praying that a guy makes a

field goal," Tjeerdma said. "I don't feel comfortable with that—let's put it that way. If somebody else does that's their business. I think it's really hard for someone to set such standards on that because it's personal."

Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer says that he tries to get a minister from the town to perform prayer before games. He said part of it is so that players know where to go if they wanted to attend church.

"Even with the basketball team I don't worry about it because I am going to say what I am going to say to our team and handle it the way I am going to handle it," Tappmeyer said. "But there's probably legal issues where someone could pop and say maybe you shouldn't do prayer before the game or whatever."

The big question is where to draw the line between the sports world and the spiritual world. It is a tough subject that some area coaches approach in different matters.

"Personally I don't really bring it in at all, blatantly," Northwest women's track coach Scott Lorek said. "I think the athletes know where I am and what

I stand for and I think they can see things, hopefully the way I conduct myself. So I'm not preaching to the team and I don't ever really bring it up.

"That's true of everybody if you examine somebody and watch them in a competitive area you can see what they stand for and what they're made of. So I think that's true of whether you are a Christian or whatever's going on in your life. You can see that if you've studied someone enough."

However, Lorek also believes that both the spiritual world and the athletic world could go hand in hand.

He said it just might take sometime, especially with college student-athletes.

"They're plenty of athletes who struggle with the role in athletics and their spiritual life," he said. "They really fit together really well, but until a person gets a good handle on how they do actually really complement both and make both stronger, sometimes it's a difficult thing. The toughest thing is to control somebody's ego and sports can tend to inflate or accelerate somebody's ego."

'Cats escape with double overtime win

By Jerome Boettcher
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EMPORIA, Kan.—It only made sense that the Northwest men's basketball team's four game losing streak would end like this.

After 50 minutes of emotion, hustle and fighting back the Bearcats finally got a much needed win.

They needed two overtimes, but Northwest got their first win in two weeks as they defeated Emporia State on the road 108-101 in front of 1,984 fans.

"We had to stay positive," Northwest's Xavier Gaines said. "It was like, 'oh no, here we go again.' It tested us. It was a big wakeup call."

After trailing by as many as 14, Northwest came back to take an 88-85 lead with 13 seconds left in regulation. Emporia State's Tyrell Sledge answered with a three-pointer with four seconds left. Northwest's Reggie Robinson tipped in an errant Gaines shot but it was waved off as time expired.

In the first overtime, Northwest led by 4 twice and lost it twice as Emporia's Ryan Blevins tipped in a shot to send it to double overtime at 95-95 with 22 seconds left.

In the second overtime Northwest's Victor James hit a jumper a minute and a half into overtime to give Northwest a 97-96 lead. They would never lose it again. Gaines, who had a game-high 31 points, made two big lay-ups to give the Bearcats a four point lead twice.

Emporia closed within three but

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Bearcat drought aides Lady Hornets

By Jerome Boettcher
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EMPORIA, Kan.—For the first 21 minutes Wednesday night the Northwest women's basketball team shot 50 percent from the field.

However, after closing to within a point of host Emporia State just a minute into the second half, Northwest (13-10, 5-7) didn't hit a shot from the field for the next nine minutes and 51 seconds.

No. 3 Emporia State (21-1, 10-1) took advantage of the drought as they scored 31 points in the span and went onto win 94-68.

"At halftime both coaches gave the same message and just one coach got it across (to his team)," Northwest men's coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "One team was going to defend and the other team wasn't—that's what happened ... unfortunately we didn't shut down anybody."

Down by as many as 10 in the first half, the Bearcats battled back to cut it to 45-42 at halftime when Meghan Blay nailed a three pointer at the buzzer from about 40 feet away.

Kelli Nelson cut the lead to one point with 19 minutes remaining but after a second chance three pointer by Emporia's Deloinda Ngulela, Emporia went on a 26-6 run in the next 10 minutes to pull away. All six points were free throws.

"Clearly we let them own us on defense," Northwest's Laura Friederich said. "... You're going to lose by 30 (points) when that happens."

Northwest shot just 26.7 percent from the field and gave up well beyond its MIAA worse 69 points per game. The Bearcats also committed 18 turnovers on the night.

Emporia's Michelle Stueve led all scorers with 24 points. Friederich led Northwest with 19 points and Nelson followed with 15.

Northwest plays host to Missouri Southern at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and will try to hold onto their sixth spot in the conference.

It's all about Quin in the end

On Jan. 25, with his team playing Iowa State Quin Snyder finally snapped, he couldn't take it anymore.

Snyder stood in front of the Missouri bench and watched as his team fell apart.

Snyder just couldn't keep it inside any longer and with 1:16 left he exploded. His face reddened and he let everything troubling him and his team go, he finally just let it all out. The Mizzou basketball coach let it all out to an official who promptly gave him his second technical foul of the evening and tossed him from the game.

I have to wonder what was running through Snyder's mind as he sat in the locker room as the final minute of the game ticked away and Iowa State handed Missouri an embarrassing 82-58 loss at home. I'm sure whatever he was thinking about had nothing to do with him.

I know that for the most part people dislike Snyder. It doesn't matter if you're a Kansas fan or if you cheer for his team, it seems people think Snyder has done something so wrong that he doesn't even deserve to coach basketball. Why?

I am a Mizzou fan I have been since the day that I entered elementary school. I was the biggest Norm Stewart fan around, but even I could not understand why Tiger fans immediately attacked Snyder. People looked at Snyder and saw something a world away from the great "Stormin' Norman". People saw change in Snyder and as a result, feared that change.

Snyder took the helm surrounded by criticism and people who doubted him and in the beginning he did nothing, but to improve the University of Missouri basketball program. Snyder received the National Rookie Coach of the Year by Basketball Times and became the fastest coach in MU's history to surpass the 100-win mark. Snyder led the Tigers to their fourth

Off the Hook



Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

consecutive NCAA tournament appearance in 2003, and it seemed as though everything was working for Snyder and MU.

But, as it is so many times in life, the good times do not last. His team received sanctions on recruiting in part thanks to a Ricky Clemmons fiasco. While Clemmons was serving his jail time for abusing his girlfriend, he mentioned that Snyder's assistants had broke NCAA rules in recruiting by giving players money, among other things. The NCAA quickly organized an investigation and MU was put on probation.

The Clemmons mess was followed by the Paige Laurie debacle, which Snyder had no control over, but it was still a shot at the Missouri basketball program.

It was reported that Laurie had cheated on tests in college, which brought about a swarm of negative publicity. As a result MU was forced to change the name of the brand new arena from Paige Arena to Mizzou Arena.

It's been a struggle for a couple of years now. Last year Missouri finished 16-17 in the new arena, falling in the first round of the NIT tournament to DePaul. This year, Missouri finds themselves sitting at 10-11, 3-7 in the Big 12 and in the middle of a six game losing streak that goes back to Jan. 21 against Kansas State.

It appears as though there is nothing Snyder can do to save his job. The rumors circulate like wildfire that Snyder has a drug problem and is such a mess that he is incapable of coaching a college basketball team. Some say he let all the pressure get to him, others say he is a complete emotional wreck. If they have a big crowd at Mizzou Arena, which is now growing rarer and rarer, it is still silent. The fans have stopped caring.

Still in the middle of all of the rumors and a season that appears to be headed for a crash landing, there is

still a reason to believe.

Thomas Gardner had a chance to leave MU at the end of the season last year. He really thought about it, but in the end he stayed, he stayed and he hung out about everyday with Snyder and Snyder's son Owen. Gardner got in the gym and shot and worked everyday, he's now the Big 12 leading scorer.

Gardner didn't leave because Snyder cared enough about him and his teammates not to leave them. Snyder didn't run, he didn't turn his back when everyone was turning their back on him.

People started calling for his job a long time ago, he's gotten nasty e-mails, phone calls and popcorn dumped on his head after a blowout loss to Illinois, but he never quit. It would have been so easy for him to step down, to run away.

He could have said he was leaving for any reason and avoided the possibility of being fired, but he didn't. Snyder stood by a community and a fan base that have been against him for some time.

Maybe Snyder realizes something that most of us seem to have forgotten a long time ago. You don't run out on family. Maybe, none of this matters to you. Maybe as you read this you're just getting more upset about MU and Snyder, but a lot could be learned from Snyder. He is not without blame; he has made mistakes. He admitted that he messed up, but he knew he couldn't dwell on that. He couldn't worry about the past because his team couldn't move forward.

From the very first day Snyder walked through the doors at Missouri he didn't want it to be about him, he didn't want to be the coach who everyone made a big deal out of, he wanted his team to get the credit.

Now, as he stares at what seems to be the end of his career at MU, all the questions are about his future and what he will do.

Snyder never wanted it to be this way, but in the end it really is all about Quin.

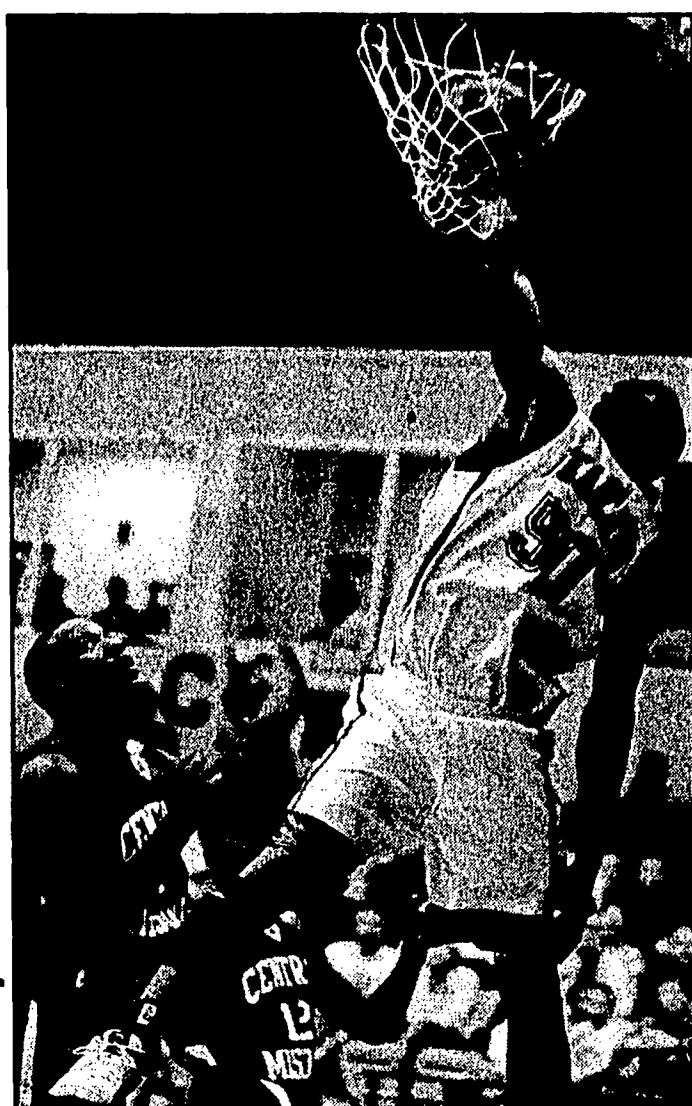


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XZAVIER GAINES goes up for a dunk over a Central Missouri State defender on Jan. 28 at Bearcat Arena.

ESCAPE: Win takes 50 minutes

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two clutch free throws by Gaines with 21 seconds left sealed the deal. Gaines performance was even more impressive considering that the senior played the game with two scratched eyes. In practice on Tuesday, both eyes were hit, scratching the cornea on the right and popping a blood vessel in the left. Both Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer and Gaines agreed it might have helped his focus.

"I had to focus more," Gaines said. "I had been settling for a little bit (previously)."

Both Mose Howard and Andy Peterson added 23 points

for the 'Cats. The 'Cats set a school record with 38 attempted three-pointers. It was Northwest's fourth overtime game this season, which ties a conference record, and its first victory when playing extra periods.

Northwest now hosts Missouri Southern at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena. Northwest sits at No. 6 in the South Central region, and fourth in the conference.

"Hopefully we can go somewhere now, I'm not sure if I would have been able to go into the gym tomorrow if we had lost," Tappmeyer said. "... Now it's a lot easier to go into the gym."

SPORTSBRIEFS

The Maryville girls basketball team played their 10th road game in-a-row Tuesday night, losing to Chillicothe 59-39.

"The road was definitely hard on us (Tuesday night)," Adam Willard said. "It's hard on 15 and 16-year-old kids to be able to give it everything every single night."

Chillicothe's Andrea Walter scored 20 points in the first half compared to a combined 17 from the 'Hounds team.

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Thomas will be in Hall of Fame

Districts up next

By Andrew Glover
Chief Reporter

and I just want to win it this year."

Gillenwater is riding a winning streak taking him back to mid-January. He also won the outstanding wrestler of the tournament over the weekend in Albany.

The rest of the Maryville squad hopes to keep their season alive with a top four finish at districts this weekend.

The 'Hounds will have a potential returner from injury coming back to wrestle in districts. Dakota Merrill, who dislocated his elbow in practice earlier in the year, should be ready to go according to Drake.

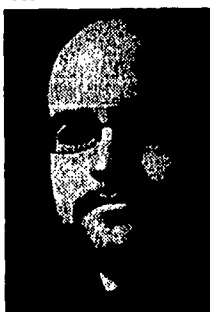
Merrill is looking forward to getting back on the mat after sitting out over a month. Merrill said he is hoping to place and head off to state.

Drake stressed how important not only getting to the championship of districts, but also getting to the wrestle back round which includes wrestlers losing their first match.

"The wrestle back rounds are so important because they know they have to get back into that chance for third and fourth," Drake said. "Once they get into the third and fourth place matches they know they are going to the state tournament."

The first round of districts begins at 6 p.m. Friday and the second round will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday in Cameron.

The Bottom Line



Brett Barger
Chief Reporter

Saturday afternoon the Class of 2006 was announced from Detroit, the site of Super Bowl XL.

Making the trip to Canton, Ohio, will be quarterback Troy Aikman, defensive linemen Reggie White, quarterback Warren Moon, linebacker Harry Carson, head coach John Madden and tackle Rayfield Wright.

For the second year in a row, Derrick Thomas was denied his place in the Hall of Fame. Thomas deserves enshrinement, but it will be a while before he will get in.

The numbers for Thomas warrant enshrinement. He finished his career with 126.5 sacks, 10th on the all-time list and fourth all-time at the linebacker position.

It's safe to assume that Thomas had two more solid years of football left, had he not tragically passed away in an automobile accident on Feb. 8, 2000. Thomas averaged 11.5 sacks a season and with two more years would have been one sack shy of Chris Doleman for fourth all time.

His best career statistic is setting the NFL record for most sacks in a game with seven against the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 11, 1990, but sadly, this accomplishment has been downplayed by many sportswriters, because of the quality of team that the 1990 Seahawks were. If it's so easy to get seven sacks in one game against an inferior team, then why do we not see it more often?

Thomas off the field was a generous man. He started his "Third and Long Foundation" and his charitable efforts garnered NFL Man of the Year honors in 1993 and the Byron "Whizzer" White Humanitarian Award in 1995. He represented a small portion of players who hit it hard on the field and stayed out of trouble.

Thomas was the epitome of what it meant to be an effective pass rusher. His defensive play and leadership took the Chiefs from mediocrity to division champions and Super Bowl contenders. During Thomas' career, the Chiefs defense consistently gave up

less than 20 points a game, with the exception of the last two years of his career, where an aging defense was being replaced.

The main reason why Thomas will have to wait a while revolves on the fact that he, for his career, never got to showcase his talents in a Super Bowl. Every Chiefs fan has their own version on why that never came to fruition, but it's a proven fact that your chances of reaching the hall of fame are greatly enhanced if you have won a Super Bowl.

A good example is Steelers Hall of Fame wide receiver Lynn Swann. Swann caught four passes for 161 yards to earn MVP honors in Super Bowl X. One of his catches was an acrobatic 53-yard reception that is forever etched in Super Bowl lore.

He was a legend in the Super Bowl, but his best regular season was when he had 61 receptions and 11 touchdowns.

He also never had a 1,000-yard receiving season. But because he got to perform on the national stage four times with the Steelers, that boosted his career resume.

Bob Gretz, a columnist for the Kansas City Chiefs, and a member of the selection committee said in his column on Feb. 4, 2006, that the election of Harry Carson, who was a linebacker for the Giants, will open the door for Thomas in the future. Carson waited six years for enshrinement and at one point said he wanted to be taken off the list, because he did not agree with the voting process.

I believe Thomas will eventually be enshrined in Canton, but being a Chief has a drawback when it comes to Hall of Fame consideration. No Chiefs player has ever got into the hall in less than four years. Not even Len Dawson, who led the Chiefs to victory in Super Bowl IV and was named MVP, could not get on the first ballot. It took Dawson seven years to get in. Thomas will get into the Hall and we will cheer to the memory of No. 58.

After a tough loss to Plattsburg last Tuesday, Maryville High School wrestling coach Joe Drake gathered his team and told them they had the potential to win out the rest of the season.

Maryville had a dual against St. Pius X in Kansas City, Mo., last Thursday. With a dual tournament in Albany, Mo., on Saturday it equalled seven total matches until districts.

"Last week after the Plattsburg dual we talked to the team," Drake said. "We had seven duals left counting the Albany Tournament and if we get our act together and wrestle like I think we are capable of, I think we can win six or seven of the duals that are left."

With the goal set out by their coach, the Spoofhounds went out and proved to their coach they were capable of performing at a high level.

The 'Hounds ended up winning five of those matches, ending the regular season on a roll. They will now prepare for the district tournament coming up Friday and Saturday in Cameron, Mo.

The 'Hounds' Cody Gillenwater looks to earn a state tournament berth by winning districts this season.

"My goal is to win it," Gillenwater said. "After last year I got second at districts

SPORTSBRIEFS

Maryville football becomes Class 2

Last Thursday MSHSAA officials announced that Maryville will move down to Class 2 for the 2006 football season, joining the likes of LeBlond, Lawson and Plattsburg.

The 'Hounds move down as a result of new enrollment figures released last week. Maryville saw an extreme dip in its numbers and is now listed as having 475 students, making them the seventh largest Class 2 school in the state.

The move was much needed as the largest Class 2 school is Versailles at 496, and the smallest Class 3 school is North Callaway at 498.

Cameron will move back up to Class 3 after spending two seasons in Class 2 and winning the state championship this season.

Platte County, Savannah and Smithville will all play against Cameron at the Class 3 level.

'Hounds drop back to back games

The Maryville Spoofhound boys' basketball team dropped their fourth straight MEC game to Chillicothe 35-66, Tuesday night. The loss drops the 'Hounds to 4-17 on the season and comes on the heels of a 42-51 loss to Westport on Monday night.

Garet Arnold led Maryville scorers with 10 points. Chillicothe's Andrew Campbell led all scorers by knocking in 23.

The 'Hounds will return to action next on Friday at Benton starting with a JV game at 5:30 and the varsity match-up to follow.

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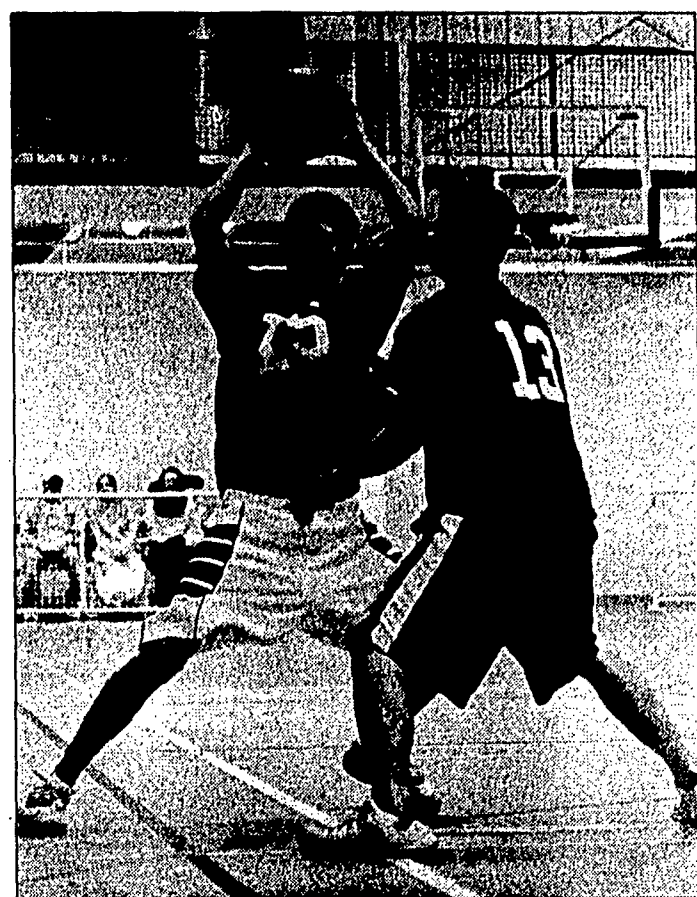


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PHIL MCINTYRE of Delta Chi's intramural basketball team looks for an open teammate Tuesday night as Tau Kappa Epsilon's Mike Russell guards him. Intramural basketball started last week and continues through February.

DEFENSE: Tradition continues to build at Jefferson High School

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Eagles led 32-10, before finishing with a 66-31 victory.

"I think they just come out of the womb knowing how to dribble a basketball," Stanberry graduate Jake Phillips joked.

No but the players have loved basketball since they were old enough to understand the game is.

"We grew up just watching the older teams," forward Kody Schieber said. "We always wanted to just carry on the tradition they had started."

That tradition started with former coach Don Edwards, who introduced the school to this style of play.

Edwards, who collected 824 victories while coaching the boys and girls team had a player during his 1984 state semifinal run who paid close attention to that defense, it was Jermain.

If living up to that tradition wasn't enough, they just have to take one look around the small gymnasium—90 different banners adorn the walls.

Banners honoring teams from the 60s, the 2000 Jefferson state title squad along with a host of Platte Valley Conference banners.

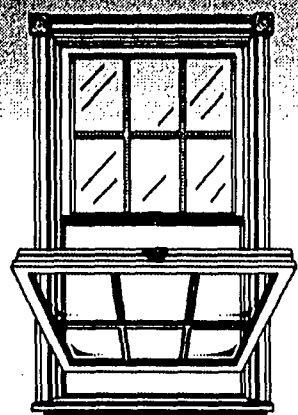
There are 29 boys at Jefferson High School. Nineteen proudly wear the Jefferson blue and yellow on the basketball court.

"I'm not sure what the other 10 do," Dowis said. "They probably work or something."

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Your Man doesn't like being censored



The Stroller

Oh fudge! It seems Your Man pushed the envelope too far last week.

Granted, using Terri Schiavo as a verb might have been a little much, but censorship is still censorship.

Your Man thinks it quite the pickle when one journalist censors another writer, but he didn't have any say in the matter.

Imagine his surprise when he picked up last week's paper and saw his precious words altered. From "whores" to "harlots," it

seemed he'd been transported to a different time.

Your Man wonders if the good folks at the newspaper have even seen the First Amendment.

They better take a look quickly before the Patriot Act seals our rights away from terrorists...and ourselves.

You see, Your Man has noticed all of America pushing for stricter controls of language and media content. Why not go back to the good old days?

It's been ages since we've burned a witch, and that's just a crying shame.

Just look at the Federal Communication Commission. What started their moral crusade on broadcasting?

A boob.

Yep, George W. Bush sure did get angry when he saw Janet Jackson's breast during the Super

Bowl halftime show in 2004.

Since then, the FCC has pushed for a media so squeaky clean that it makes PAX TV look like hard-core pornography.

You see, terrorists like pornography. Osama Bin Laden is holed up in some cave somewhere reading "Jugs" and thinking about those virgins he has waiting for him when he dies.

But you know what terrorists don't like?

Violence.

That's why the American media focus so much on people killing other people.

Citizens won't have time to be sexual deviants if they're busy dodging bullets.

We live in a society where we talk about freedom of speech and the First Amendment, but most people can't even tell you all the rights granted to us in the amend-

ment.

Religion, press, petition, assembly and speech.

Memorize that.

Although we are a nation founded from Puritan ideals, must we continue to base our governmental actions on a strict moral code that denies the rights of many of its own citizens?

Your Man doesn't think so. Although things might be a little different and alarming at times, the best way to new ideas is new standards.

What was once unspeakable is now commonplace, and the censorship of today only denies the progress of tomorrow.

Except for Paris Hilton. She shouldn't be allowed to speak, but that's just common sense.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

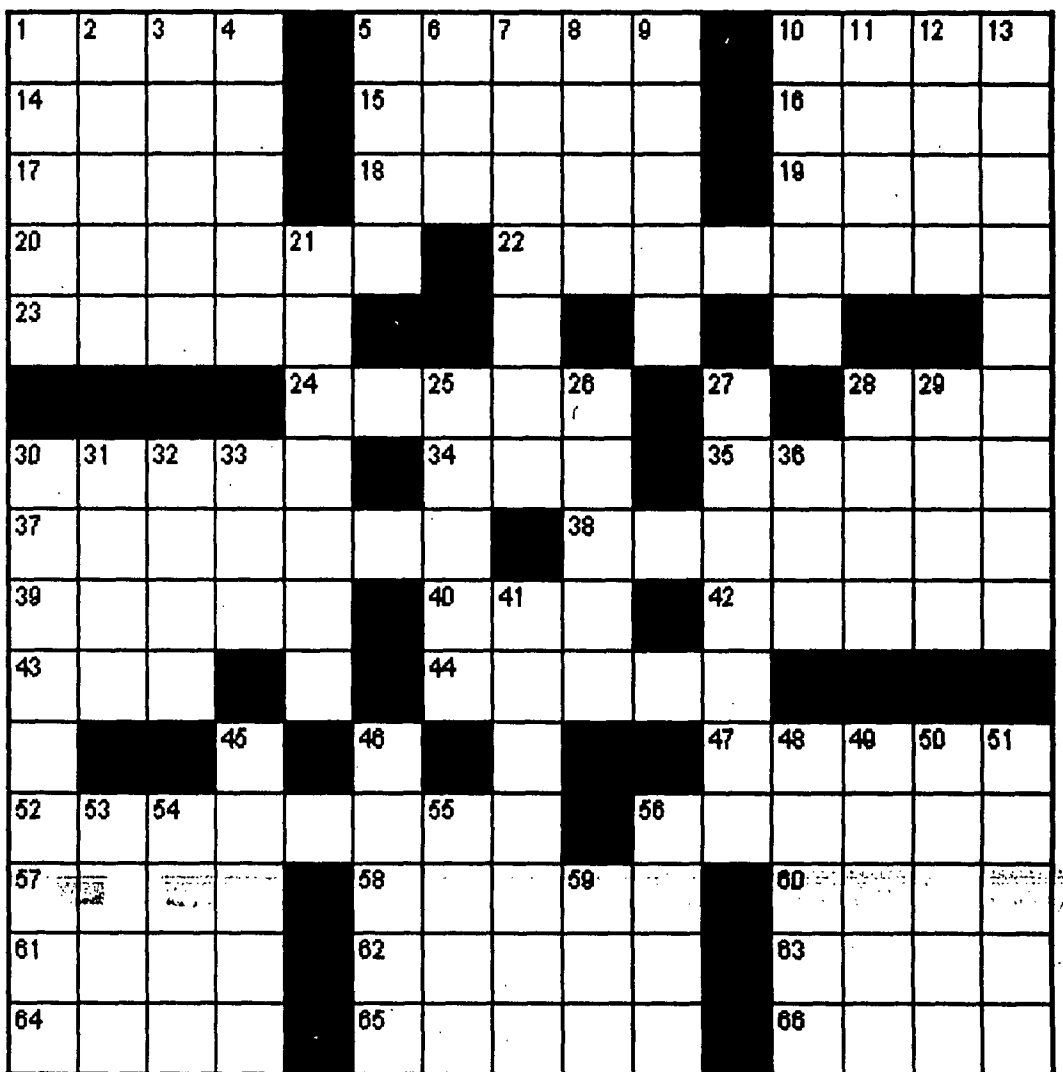
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63. Illness
64. Sleigh
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2. Mountaineer's implement

- (3,2)
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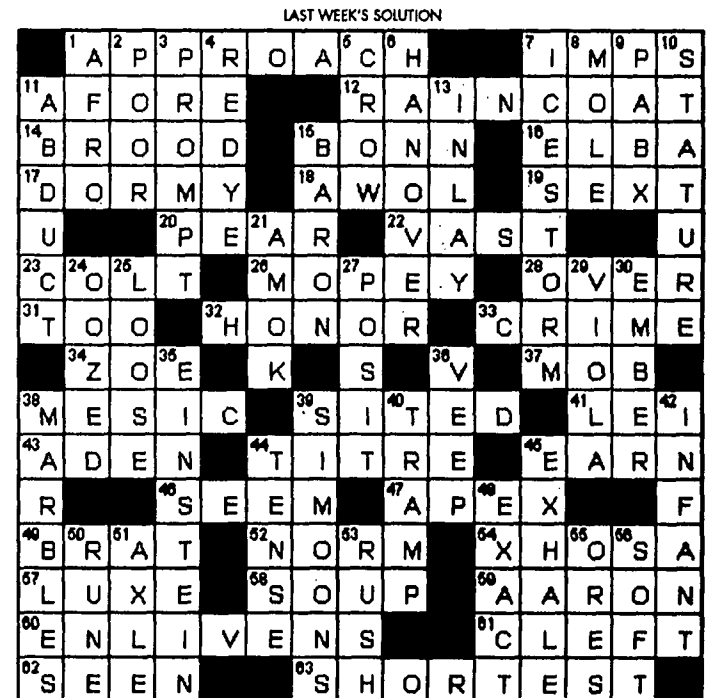
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'Glory Road' walks a road less traveled

By Whitney Bocquin
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"Glory Road" is not just another sports drama about a team that works their way to victory. This racially charged movie presents a more realistic look at bigotry in the South during the 60s.

Based on a true story, "Glory Road," attacks the racial adversity that nearly destroyed a college basketball team.

The movie is set at a small community college, Texas Western. Josh Lucas ("Sweet Home Alabama," "Stealth") plays Don Haskins, the coach who leads the first starting lineup of all black players to an NCAA championship game. Lucas takes a group of street basketball players and turns them into a team, overcoming hate crimes and ridicule.

The focus of the movie is not so much directed towards the game of basketball, but instead, takes the approach of showing the audience the discrimination minorities endured. The dedication they had toward the game and the support from their coach was what kept the team together.

Going into this movie, I thought it was going to be another "Remember the Titans" with a different sport being played. However, after the movie was over, I felt that



director James Gartner had effectively represented the real message in the movie by not only focusing on the game, but by narrowing in on racism.

Lucas gave an outstanding performance. His character, based on the real Don Haskins, was precise and convincing. His dedication to the game and willingness to overcome the intolerances against his team was truly what the real Haskins would have wanted seen by audiences.

This movie will not just appeal to basketball fans. My advice is to cough up \$6 to go see this movie. The approach taken is one that usually isn't seen in too many sports movies.

Hopefully newcomer James Gartner will continue to direct movies that appeal to more than just one type of audience by developing a meaningful and insightful view on what is important, rather than simply a love of the game.



Editor's Flick Picks

Each week a *Missourian* staffer will entice you to broaden your viewing pleasure with their favorites. This week is Sean Comer, Opinion Editor.

"Donnie Darko"

Jake Gyllenhaal delivers a mesmerizing, sympathetic performance in a story of a sad, confused boy and his... well, his six-foot bunny friend named Frank.

The joy of this film comes in spending two hours mesmerized by some out-of-left-field performances no one would ever see coming. Witness Drew Barrymore playing a cynical English teacher drowning in the mediocrity around her, or Patrick Swayze as a pedophilic motivational guru. Then watch *Fever Pitch* and *Roadhouse*, respectively, and pretend not to be amazed they star the same actors.

People don't "watch" this movie. For two hours, it envelopes, provokes and haunts the viewer—and believe me, it sticks around for days after.

"Waking Life"

Every ounce as cerebral as "Donnie Darko" and more visually stunning, one can't watch this and accept director Richard Linklater made this and "Dazed and Confused."

I challenge a movie fan not to get lost in the sea of sensory overload this movie packs. The phenomenal animation makes this a movie that's hypnotic even on "mute," but then people might miss out on the amazingly thoughtful, weighty musings of the characters.

Don't even try to find a plot. A wisp of a story keeps the vignettes clinging gently to one another, but just take it as snapshots of life, death, love, existence and meaning.

"Chasing Amy"

Reasonable people could argue about whether Kevin Smith's boy-meets-lesbian love story marks his pinnacle, or if his debut, "Clerks," deserves that honor. Either way, Ben Affleck never has—and, in my opinion, never will—equal the weight or sincerity of his performance as the "boy" in the occasion. Incidentally, the same could be said for Joey Lauren Adams as Alyssa, the world's most adorable, lovably conflicted and sensitive lesbian.

Incidentally, speaking of people who broke out with a part in this odd love story, Jason Lee displays some dramatic and comedic chops he has yet to equal.

"Ju-on: The Grudge"

As a new general rule—Japanese filmmakers are crazy and scary.

The remake packed some of the punch of this bizarre, eerie original, but you just can't beat the real thing. The fact that the story roots itself in traditional Japanese lore adds a certain something feeling a little too real. Remember that house at the end of the block your buddies would dare you to go check out because of some horrible urban story?

Well, this answers questions about what would happen if the ghosts ever got out and settled a few scores.

I wouldn't recommend watching this with the lights out.

"The Crow"

With or without Brandon Lee's tragic death in an on-set accident, this wrenchingly beautiful story of love beyond this life would still be memorable. Go on, try and find a comic adaptation better reflecting the vision of the man who gave birth to the characters.

Nothing captures early 90s alternative-nation like this gothic revenge story. If movies aim to make us feel, then we experience one dead man's final two days amidst the living to settle a score or two, and find something of himself to take back to eternity, along the way.

To be honest, I would show a dying man from my generation this film—if only to drive home that love conquers death and transcends life.

Foxx's 'Unpredictable' fails to present listener's with something different

By Jesse Murphy
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The first thing one would think when seeing a Jamie Foxx CD is "Does this guy really think he's Ray Charles? Who is

he trying to fool?"

Now, before you start thinking it's all bad, I can say that is not the case. Foxx has an impressive rap sheet of credits, such as the hit show, "In Living Color." Some movie credits

are "Any Given Sunday" and "Ray," both of which he had a major part in the musical side of the production.

His new album, "Unpredictable," is a tribute to what a person can do if they try to

make a record using a stencil. Though Foxx does have an amazing voice, the collaborations are the highlight of the CD. Kanye West has a great verse in the song "Extravaganza," and Twista, as usual,

tears it up in "DJ Play a Love Song." Other guest stars are Ludacris, The Game, Snoop, Mary J. Blige and Common.

I believe that Foxx set out to prove that he is not one-dimensional. Seeing that he pulls his

inspiration from R&B greats Luther Vandross and Marvin Gaye, Foxx is on the right track. Given how well he can sing, I'll let him have that second dimension. There just needs to be more creativity involved.

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A lifetime of love



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CHANNING AND LOUISE cut the cake after their wedding, Aug. 29, 1964. The veil Louise is wearing is authentic Spanish lace. Channing purchased the lace while in Spain specifically for the veil. It was their uniform passion for "romance" languages that brought the pair together.

After 40 years of marriage, Channing and Louise Horner know what it takes to achieve everlasting love

By Ashley Bally
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As Valentine's Day approaches many couples begin to feel overcome by love and admiration for each other.

However, for some couples, the presence of Valentine's Day is not necessary to honor the one that you love. One such couple is Channing and Louise Horner. After 40 years of marriage, they know what it is like to have a Valentine every day of the year.

The Horners were married Aug. 29, 1964. Ever since, they have played a constant role in each others day to day activities. From bicycle rides to work, to their meals and their goals, they have remained dedicated to each other through the years. **Meant to be**

Channing and Louise have always shared a common passion for foreign languages—the passion that led them to each other.

They were both studying at Oberlin College in Ohio when they began to cross paths first in the language

lab and later at concerts and church meetings.

"I don't remember what the event was," Louise said. "I remember kind of hanging around hoping that if we were both going that you would ask me to go with you and you finally did."

An ironic twist to their story nearly had Channing and Louise together a year earlier. In the summer of 1959 Channing traveled to Mexico with a professor, a professor who happened to have connections to Louise's family.

"We were stopping in Kingsville, Texas, where she lived," Channing said. "Probably because our professor had a friend on the faculty there who was a friend of her family, and they had invited us over for steaks on the patio. Mr. Rodgers said 'Oh no' he wouldn't impose on anyone so he left me at the motel and he and his friend on the faculty went out for a few drinks. So, we didn't get to meet."

It seemed that fate was determined to bring the pair together.

The proposal

As the relationship pro-

gressed, Channing's mother surprised him with his grandmother's wedding ring. According to Channing, it was funny because he didn't even know the ring existed until his mother sensed the event could be approaching.

"We walked down to a small park in Lawrence where there is an old fire engine for kids to play on," Channing said.

Another twist of fate

According to Channing, the engagement ring and wedding band were both his grandmother's. The ring, however, did not fit on Louise's finger. In order to make it fit they took it down a size and used the excess to create Channing's wedding band.

The ring was last used in 1902 when his grandmother Elouise was married. Now it seemed fitting that it go to his bride, Louise.

"It's kind of neat," Channing said. "We have their (his grandparents) initials and dates and ours engraved in the ring."

The Wedding

Channing and Louise had a very traditional wed-



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CHANNING AND LOUISE Horner smile as they recall past Valentine's Days. The Horners have been married 42 years in August.

ding in her hometown of Kingsville.

Louise's gown included a veil of authentic Spanish lace. Channing had purchased the lace while studying Spain the summer of their wedding.

An odd incident came from the fact, both Channing and Louise are Episcopalians and the Episcopal church had been torn down. It was still in the process of being

re-built. In order to make due the couple were married in a Presbyterian church.

"I was a little disappointed because my parents had been married in the old church and I always had counted on being married in that church," Louise said. **A lifetime of love and wisdom**

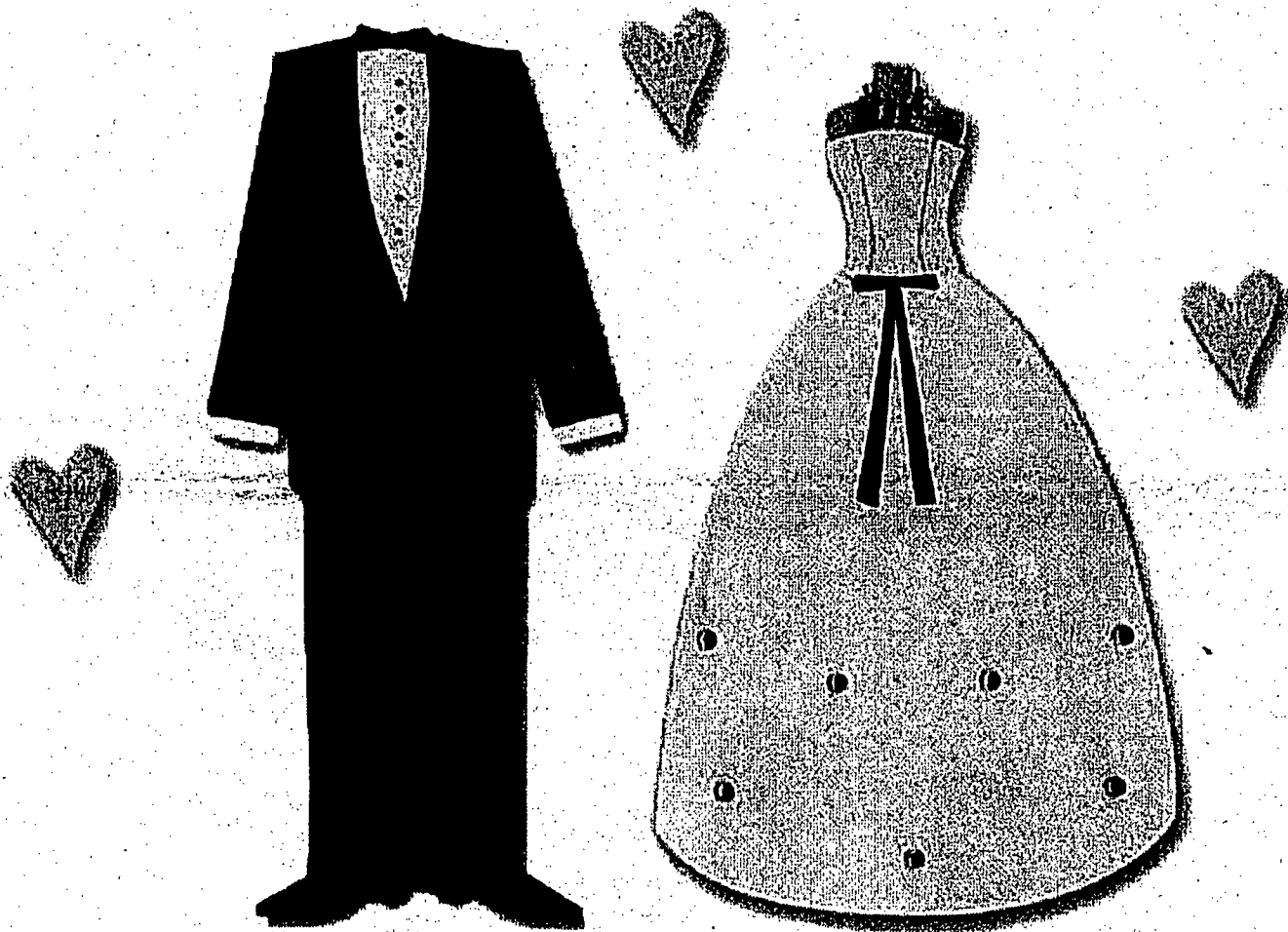
Channing and Louise have been a part of Northwest's history for several

years and will say goodbye to the university when they both retire in May.

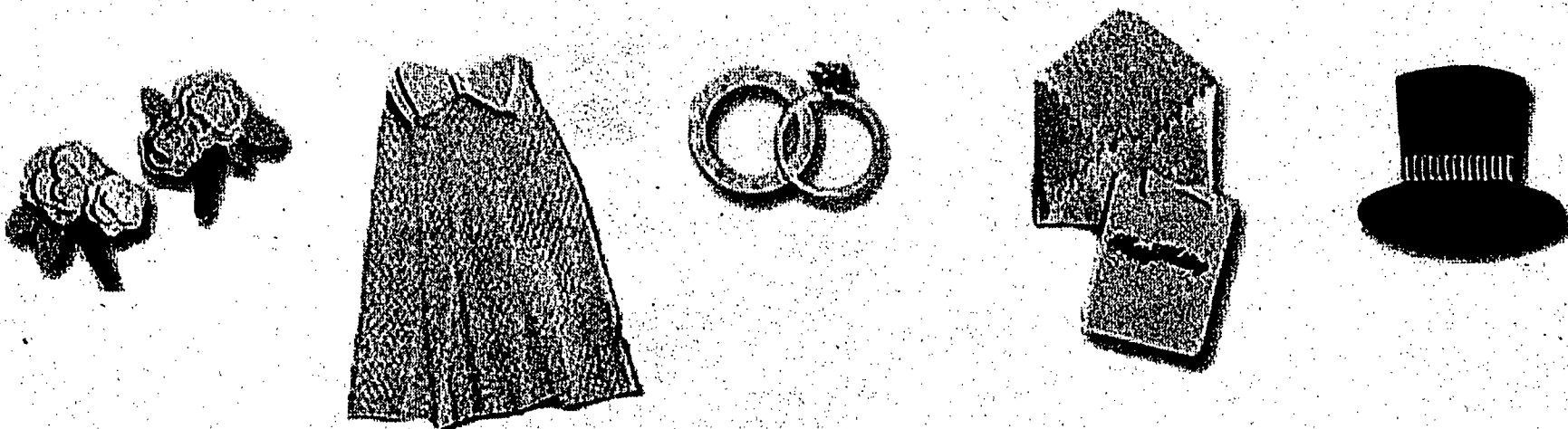
The couple is still very much in love and continues to encourage others that love is out there.

"Just make sure you love each other," Louise said. "Go into it intending for it to last and knowing that there is going to be friction between each other at times, but we have never regretted it."

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- Plume pen
- Sixpence coin for your shoe
- Toasting glasses
- Cake knife and server
- Engraving
- Ring bearer pillow
- Flower girl basket
- Wedding stationary

- Engagement announcements
- Invitations
- Announcements
- Reception enclosure cards
- Response cards
- Map/direction cards
- Informals
- Thank you notes
- Postage stamps
- Calligraphy
- Wedding programs
- Scrolls or ribbons
- Personal stationary
- Address labels
- Calligrapher
- Bachelor party
- Rehearsal dinner
- Moving cards
- Wedding certificate
- Wedding card box or basket
- Cake top
- Wedding favors
- Unity candle
- Aisle runner
- Jewelry
- Bride's wedding ring
- Groom's wedding ring
- Bride's attendants' gifts
- Flower girl gift
- Groom's attendants' gifts
- Ring bearer gifts
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Does the photographer offer a website and CD of the images? If so, is this included in any wedding packages or this is an extra fee?

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Sigma presents 33rd annual bridal show

By Jessica Schmidt
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What started in 1973 as a small bridal show to display local vendors has grown into a 35-vendor bridal and fashion show.

The Sigma Society's 33rd Annual Bridal Show will come to the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Sunday, March 12.

Anna Comeau, Sigma Society bridal show chair, said the show will feature a variety of vendors each displaying different services and products such as: disc jockeys, floral shops, carriage services, photographers, formal wear, cake decorators, reception halls, health and beauty products and more.

The show will start at noon and a fashion show will begin at 2 p.m. Sigma Society members will model tuxedos and wedding, prom, bridesmaid and flower girl dresses.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the day, and for the first time, admission to the event is free.

"Since this is a service project, we decided to turn it around and charge the vendors instead," Comeau said. "We are a non-profit organization, so the proceeds from the event will be donated."

Eagle Radio is sponsoring Sigma Society's Bridal Show and will provide advertisement for the bridal show sponsors.

Comeau said that about 20 vendor spots are filled, and the show can have up to about 35. She said the event has grown bigger every year and last year it had approximately 350-400 people.

If you have questions regarding the Bridal Show or would like to be a vendor, please contact Comeau at (816) 261-5457 or Sarah Williams at (816) 294-8489.

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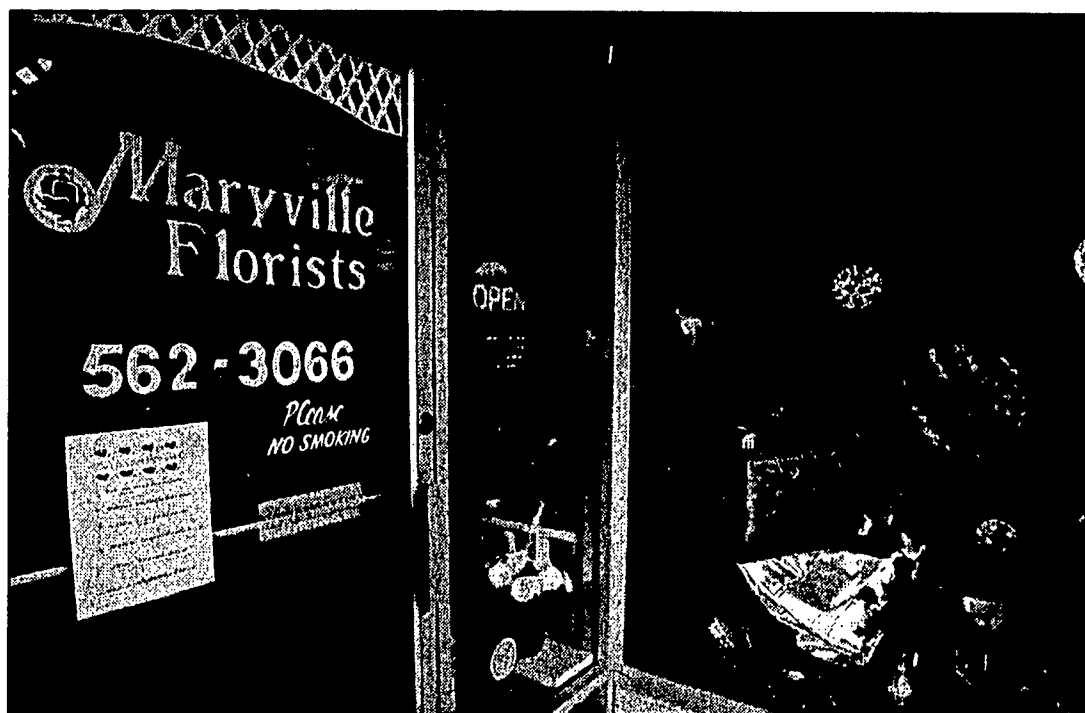


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MARYVILLE FLORISTS prepare for Valentine's Day with a decorative display. They have been preparing for the big day since Christmas.

Florists prepare for Valentine's Day

By Jessica Lavicky
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Scented candles line the shelves; plush Beanie Babies garnish flower vases and Mylar balloons inflated with helium accent flower bouquets.

Love is in the air.

Maryville florists will continue to work double-time preparing gift orders. Such orders have nearly doubled during this holiday season compared to regular season sales.

"They're off the charts," said Bittersweet Floral and Gifts owner, Lindsay Kenny. "It will probably be close to the thousands."

For Kenny, the preparation time will take about a week.

"Between getting your greenery in, getting your flowers in and cutting them, it takes forever," Kenny said. "It takes three to four days just to get prepared and that doesn't include special orders."

The local green thumbs at Maryville Florists have been working months in advance.

"We usually start preparing right after Christmas getting every thing stocked, ready and cutting extra wire," Maryville Florists owner Keitha Dougan said.

Gift orders there have soared from 20 to 30 regular season sales to nearly 200 to 300 sales.

Hy-Vee also offers mixed arrangements, rose bouquets and balloon bouquets, which will be displayed near their produced section for customers to choose from. With so many sales, the deliveries can be overwhelming. Local volunteers are used at Maryville Florists to make sure

the flowers and gifts are delivered on time.

"The Sigma Alpha sorority helps us do deliveries," Dougan said. "They usually do our campus deliveries. Then I bring in my parents. We have three or four extra delivery drivers in addition to my regular one."

As for Bittersweet Floral and Gifts, they have the helping advantage of a few friends.

"We have one college student and one lady that has been here for 20 some years," Kenny said.

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Finding a tuxedo just got easier

By Dennis Sharkey
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Maryville now has two options when looking for a tuxedo.

Fields, located at Fourth and Main Street on the square, has been fitting men for the big occasions for several years. Owner Sue Hilsabeck has been running the business for 45 years.

Hilsabeck tuxedos are available to be purchased at her store, but she recommends renting.

"Never buy one, just rent it," Hilsabeck said. "If you gain too much weight, you will be out."

Hilsabeck also said this year her store would have some new styles. Rentals can usually be picked up on Thursdays and returned on Mondays.

Prices start at \$66 and go up to \$85 for a weekend rental.

Also last week Studio B Formal Wear opened up just south of the Show Me Inn on Main Street. The store is based out of St. Joseph, Mo.

The store plans on being open at least until May.

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Diamonds are a girl's best friend

By Andrew Glover
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Men, don't screw up Valentine's Day this year, get the right kind of jewelry.

The right kind of jewelry is anything with diamonds and hearts, according to Paul Sidwell, manager of Zales in St. Joseph, Mo. Stones of color are also quite popular, the colors of love, red and pink, seem to be a good choice. If you go that route, try rubies or sapphires.

Tim Creviston, co-owner of Creviston & Son in Maryville, agrees that hearts seem to be a major seller during the Valentine's Day.

"We sell a lot of hearts," Creviston said. "We sell a lot of hearts and engagement rings."

Valentine's Day is a time that people tend to buy engagement rings and propose.

If you are thinking of buying an engagement ring, Sidwell suggests bringing your girlfriend along. He said most of the time women pick out the ones they like and later the men will come in to

pick it up.

If an engagement ring is not something you are thinking of buying, necklaces and earrings seem to be favorites according to Creviston. When looking for the perfect diamond there are some valuable terms to know before you commit to a diamond.

According to Thediamond-buyingguide.com, looking for VS and VVS grades are very good diamonds. VS stands for very slight as VVS is very very slight. The most affordable is what gemologists call 'eye-clean' which means no inclusions are visible to the naked eye.

Women, you, too, can go to a jewelry store and buy things for your mate. Sidwell said watches are the No. 1 seller for men. Bracelets, using alternative metals such as titanium, tungsten and stainless steel, are also very popular for men.

If you're thinking of buying a watch, the popular types are ones with all the little gadgets including compasses and calendars. Roman numerals and notches are also popular.

Local DJ search made easy

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It's your wedding day and you have gone through the vows, done the ceremony-ending kiss and now it's time to get your groove on.

But wait: Your disc jockey that you hired at the last minute, only plays 1940s elevator music.

Your reception is a disaster and you're probably wishing you had spent more time researching before hiring a DJ. Here are some questions to consider when selecting that master of ceremonies, according to the Sound Express, a major DJ service that operates in Dallas, Texas.

The first thing to consider is if the DJ you're looking at promptly returns your calls or e-mails.

A DJ who does not return your calls is not interested in helping you select a program to keep your guests rocking through the night and create long lasting memories for you and your new spouse.

The next thing to consider is if the DJ is willing to meet with you and present their service.

If you have found the right DJ, they will show you a professional looking portfolio that has an extensive description of what is available in their library.

They should also bring a sample contract and their pricing schedule.

You're only looking for disaster if you book them over the phone and sign the contract the day before the wedding.

At the meeting, you should also see what kind of equipment the DJ will be using. A good DJ will show you pictures of the equipment he will be using.

Unless you have a background in electronics, you should not be able to recognize what they show you.

According to Djdx.com, there are many advantages to selecting a DJ over a live band. The DJ requires less staffing, cutting your cost.

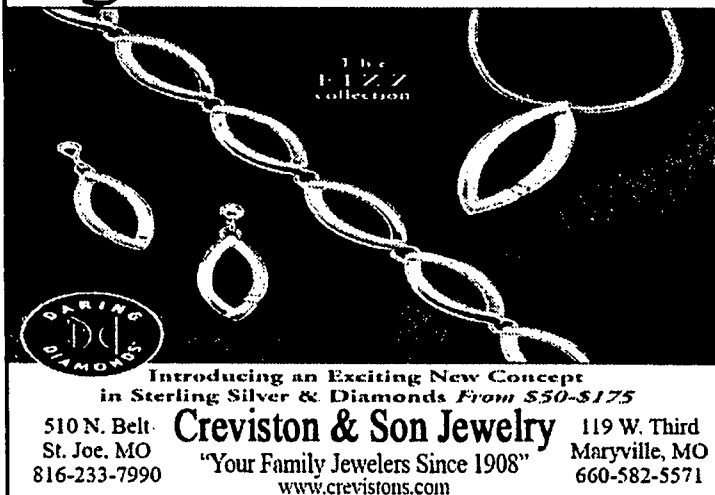
Also with a DJ, they can play a greater variety of music as opposed to a live band, where they are limited to only the songs they can play the best.

With any purchase "caveat emptor" that tells the buyer to be aware applies to everything, including DJ shopping. In most situations, the DJ is the last thing selected because of a thinning budget after everything else has been taken care.

It is best to stay away from a DJ offering a rock bottom price, as this reflects the quality of the service. There is always room for negotiation even if it's just a DJ.

After evaluating this criteria, the DJ you select should show indications of technical knowledge, organization, professionalism and the ability to read your crowd and adjust according to those changes.

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Lessons on popping the big question

By Andrew Glover
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Valentine's Day is coming fast, and for some the feeling of love is in the air.

Couples tend to use the season of love as a perfect excuse to begin an engagement.

Each engagement begins with a proposal, some are traditional, some are unique and some don't take much thought.

Perhaps someday the time will come for you to propose, and here are different ways to set the right mood.

Proposing on Valentine's Day seems to be one of the most common dates to pop the question, and on that day there are many different things to do according to Theholidayspot.com.

Proposing in front of a crowd will surely profess the love that you have for your mate as well as send a rush through your heart.

Recreating a special moment or first date will definitely show your love how much they mean to you. It will make asking the question much sweeter, and easier to do.

One of the most famous ways is to sit across from your mate at a restaurant.

Gazing into their eyes and popping the question; maybe if your lucky the table next to you will over hear it, and buy you champagne.

If you are creative and want your creativity to show, there are ways to propose that aren't traditional.

Have a commercial made that asks your love to marry you on a commercial.

Also creating a Web site devoted just to the proposal also makes for a romantic, yet creative way.

For those that are musically talented, write a song for that special someone, play it for them, then ask them once you've finished.

If you really like going to all extremes try making a treasure map leading to you holding roses, all dressed up, with the ring in hand waiting for them to arrive.

Source: About.com

Bridge integral part of campus history

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Northwest's Kissing Bridge has a history of romance and love. It has been the site of many kisses, proposals and even a wedding.

The bridge was first built early in Northwest's history, and was later rebuilt by Arthur DeLee in 1999.

Its tradition states if a girl is not kissed on the bridge before her first snowfall, she won't become a woman. Another story is if they aren't kissed before the first snowfall they will never find true love.

Information taken from the 2004 edition of Tower Yearbook states that some women will come back to the bridge later in life report they had finally

been kissed.

All the water and bushes around the bridge haven't always been there, it wasn't until after the reconstruction that the creek and bushes were put in.

In a report done by a former Northwest Missourian writer Josh Flaharty, he writes that it was a senior class fundraiser to rebuild the bridge.

The task of rebuilding the bridge landed in the hands of DeLee who works in the construction department for Northwest.

It was a project that DeLee thoroughly enjoyed, saying it was "The funnest project I've done since I was here," DeLee said.

It was later on after DeLee rebuilt the bridge that his daugh-



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ARTHUR DELEE'S daughter, Dixie, is wed to Jim Davis under Northwest's Kissing Bridge in 1999.

ter, Dixie DeLee was married on the bridge to her fiancé, Jim Davis, who had also proposed to her on the bridge.

The Kissing Bridge is a University landmark and is something that has a great tradition as said by Tower Yearbook.

Ultimate wedding checklist

♥At time of engagement

Buy or make a wedding organizer.

Write to your close friends and relatives to let them know, unless you plan to have an engagement party.

Have an engagement photo taken.

Find out the policies of the newspapers where you and your fiancé grew up, and where you live now about engagement announcements.

Keep up with thank you notes as you receive gifts. It should never take more than six weeks to send out these notes.

♥Six to 12 months in advance

Determine what you and your families expect your wedding to be like.

Decide how the wedding will be financed. Find out how much your parents are going to pay for.

Determine the style and time of day of the wedding. The time of the day may make the reception more economical.

Select a wedding date.

Select and reserve your ceremony and reception sites.

Find a wedding officiant, if one does not come with the wedding site.

Select attendants.

Secure catering arrangements.

Secure a florist.

♥Six to nine months in advance

Select and order the bridal gown and accessories.

Make arrangements for music.

Select and order the bridesmaids' dresses.

♥Four to six months in advance

Order invitations and any other stationary you will need.

Help the mothers select their dresses.

Plan the rehearsal dinner. Register for gifts.

♥Two to four months in advance

Purchase wedding rings and have them engraved.

Find out the legal requirements for marriage in your state; arrange for any necessary blood tests and decide when you will apply for the license.

Obtain any immunizations you might need for the honeymoon.

♥Six to eight weeks in advance

Mail the invitations.

Consult relevant newspapers for requirements on wedding announcements.

Have a formal portrait taken in wedding gown for newspaper

announcement.

♥Four to six weeks in advance

Investigate legal details, such as naming, fiancé as beneficiary in will and life insurance, obtaining insurance to cover joint property, consolidating auto insurance, opening joint bank accounts.

If you will need foreign money for the honeymoon, make arrangements to obtain it.

♥One to two weeks in advance

Make final checks on everything.

Make sure announcements are addressed, arrange for someone to

mail them on the wedding day.

♥One to three days in advance

Make sure everyone arriving from out-of-town is met by someone, knows where everyone is staying.

Pack an emergency kit containing things like spare hose, sewing supplies, aspirin, etc. to take with you to the wedding.

♥The Big Day

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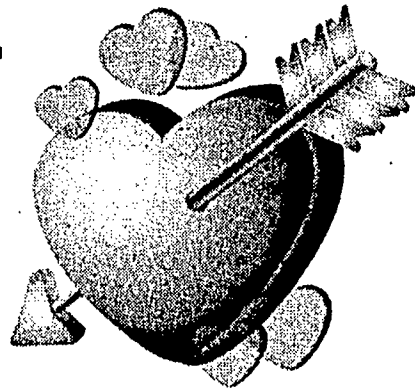
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Military duty separates recently engaged couple

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Dates, dinner and diamonds fill the minds of college females during the early days of February.

Freshman Randi Sample has a little more to worry about. Her fiancé, Brett Kline, is currently serving with the Marines in Japan.

After being stationed in North Carolina, Kline left for Japan in December.

While still in the states the couple was able to talk every day on cell phones. Now that Kline is overseas, the use of calling cards and the internet

are their only ways to communicate. They aren't able to do that as often as Sample would like.

"These are going to be the longest six months of my life," she said.

The couple met in high school and will celebrate their three-year anniversary in March. Getting married this summer is one thing they definitely want to do.

They have been engaged since May.

Kline is currently in the field, which means that no one, even Sample, can talk to him.

"He thought it would be OK to go out in the field for months

at a time," Sample said. "People don't realize how hard it is."

Coming to school was supposed to make things easier on Sample, but not knowing anyone that is going through the same thing is taking its toll. Even so, her friends and family are there for her.

"When I cry, my friends understand," Sample said. "My family loves him, so they are there for me."

Sample admits she is probably going to cry when Kline comes back from Japan.

"It's going to be like we first met again," she said. "It's like we're going to have to start dating again."

Who's paying?

Overall wedding expenses

The bride and her family

- Wedding invitations, announcements and mailing costs.
- Wedding dress, veil, accessories and trousseau.
- Engagement and wedding photographs and video services.
- Fees for the wedding locations, sexton, organist and soloist.
- Reception: location, wedding cake, food, drinks, music, decorations.
- Groom's ring
- Wedding gift for the groom
- Gifts for the bride's attendants.
- Bride's blood test.
- Lodging for out-of-town bridesmaids.

The groom and his family

- Bride's engagement and wedding ring.
- Marriage license.
- Officiant's fee (clergy or judge).
- Wedding gift for the bride.
- Complete honeymoon trip.
- Gifts for the best man, groomsmen and ushers.
- Lodging for out-of-town ushers.
- Groom's blood test.

Varying expenses

- Attendants dresses. These are usually purchased by each attendant, but the bride and her family may purchase them if they choose.
- Bridesmaids' luncheon or party. This event is usually given by the bride, but may also be given by the attendants or a family

relative.

- Rehearsal dinner. Usually hosted by the groom's parents, however it may also be hosted by friends or relatives.

- Transportation for the bridal party. Special means of transportation may be arranged by either the bride's or the groom's family.

Wedding flower expenses

The Bride and her Family

- Flowers for the female attendants.
- All corsages with the exceptions of the mothers and grandmother's.
- Flowers for the ceremony, aisle runners and rental equipment.
- Reception flowers

The groom and his family

- Going away corsage for the bride.
- Boutonnieres for the men in the wedding party.
- Flowers for relatives unable to attend the wedding.

Varying expenses

- The bride's bouquet. Usually a gift from the groom but may be included in the bride's family expenses as part of her ensemble.
- Corsages for the mothers and grandmothers. These are traditionally given by the groom's family, however they may be given by the bride's family.

Flowers for the rehearsal dinner. These are usually purchased by the hosts of the party. (Usually, the groom's family hosts the dinner).

Couples seek romance online

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With approximately 50 percent of marriages ending in divorce, some singles decide meeting an interesting person online may be the way to go.

Thousands of people have decided to try their hand at online dating services. There are dozens to choose from, each claiming to be the top site on the Internet.

Match.com, founded in 1995, has a local site for Maryville singles. It also spans six continents and operates more than 30 dating sites in 18 local languages. According to the official site, each year approximately 200,000 members say they found someone on the site.

Neil Clark Warren founded eHarmony.com in 2000. It is said

to be the first relationship service on the Internet to use a scientific approach to match highly compatible singles.

Other popular online dating sites include Lovecompass.com, Plentyoffish.com, Bookofmatches.com, Americansingles.com, Chanceoflove.com and Date.com.

Although meeting people online can be fun, there are always risks involved. Never publish personal information, such as home addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses. Some dating sites check criminal records of their members. At the same time, don't put false information or fake pictures on your profile.

If anything, do not put a picture up at all. Online dating, like any other sort, is based on honesty.

Wedding shower games

Toilet paper wedding dress

This is one of the more popular games played at bridal showers. We divided the guests (including me and my bridesmaids) into teams of three. Each team was handed four rolls of white toilet paper (recycled, of course) and were given 20 minutes to design a wedding dress. Each team chooses a "bride" and then proceeds to design a dress and wrap the "bride" within the allotted time.

The word game

The bridesmaids make a list of questions pertaining to both the bride and groom.

Before the party, the groom answers all the questions, without the bride knowing.

During the shower, the bride is asked the same questions and she must answer them as close as she can to the grooms responses.

Guests are free to write down responses and graded on their knowledge afterward.

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A special night for father, daughter

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For the third year in a row, the Maryville Community Center will host the Daddy/Daughter dance.

The dance will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 10 in the aerobics room. The cost is \$25 per couple, with \$10 extra for each additional child.

Father's who have a daughter that is 12 and under are

invited to attend.

The event will have a prom night feel to it. The dance will have a photographer for the couples to have pictures taken, which is covered with the admission.

There will also be catering done by Spectacular Settings with music provided by Tyler Ingram.

The girls will also receive a corsage that will be provided by Maryville Florists. Prizes with a

Valentine's Day theme will be available for the participants at the dance.

Shelly Hersh, who is coordinating the event, has received a lot of support from the community and that is reflected in the attendance numbers each year.

"The first year we had 24 couples attend," she said. "Last year we had 34, so we've increased each time we've done it. If it gets any bigger we'll have to move it to a bigger location."

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Rules for guests

♥ Don't assume that the couple knows you're coming to their wedding. You must send back your reply card before the "Reply by" date.

♥ If you have declined an invitation, you are not expected to send a gift.

♥ If you arrive at the church during the procession, you should wait until the bride has gone down the aisle before entering. Also, don't peek through the doors to watch because you'll be in her photos.

♥ If you are late for the ceremony, you should walk down an outside aisle and find a seat quickly and quietly.

♥ If you are of a different faith, you are not required to participate in the rituals, but if you want to that's fine.

♥ You have to buy the couple a gift.

♥ The gift should be something that they can both use.

♥ If you have sent a wedding gift through the mail, then you don't have to bring another one to the reception.

♥ It's wise to give a cash gift to couples that are getting married out-of-town because they will have to ship everything back home and that's an added cost to them.

♥ Many couples that have lived together for awhile will not register for gifts. That's because they already have everything they need. In this case, cash in a wedding card is appropriate.

♥ Guests pay for their own transportation and lodgings.

Wedding gifts

♥ It is considered rude to put "cash only gifts", or other wording meaning the same thing on the invitation.

♥ You're not supposed to put registry information on your wedding invitation. It's left up to friends and family to inform everyone.

♥ However, you can put gift information on an insert in your bridal shower invitations.

♥ You're not required to open your gifts at the reception or in front of anyone.

♥ Guests should stay until all gifts are opened and the bride thanks everyone individually.

Top 5 love songs and date movies

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to study in England.

♥5 "An Officer and a Gentleman" (1982)

This movie stars Richard Gere, who plays a young Naval Flight student named Zack Malo.

He has an attitude and struggles to find himself in life. While in school, he meets Paula, played by Debra Winger, who is simultaneously trying to find the perfect husband.

♥4 "When Harry Met Sally" (1989)

Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan star in this film about two people who both struggle to find love.

In the end, a close relationship is formed and eventually both find romance with each other.

♥3 "Say Anything" (1989)

John Cusack stars in this film about an underachiever who falls in love with the class valedictorian, Ione Skye.

They begin a romance lasting over the summer, but the relationship is threatened when she earns a scholarship

♥2 "Dirty Dancing" (1987)

Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey play two individuals in love from different classes. Swayze plays a dance instructor struggling to make ends meet.

Grey is with her family on vacation at a resort where Swayze works.

They keep a secret relationship from her family but as the summer winds down, both must make a difficult decision.

♥1 "Titanic" (1997)

This epic centers on the lives of Jack and Rose. Jack, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, is a drifter searching for work and a place in life.

Rose, played by Kate Winslet, comes from a wealthy family struggling financially and the only way for them to stay elite is for Winslet to marry a man from a rich family.

She meets Jack and they fall in love and test their bonds when the ship they are traveling on strikes an iceberg and sinks.

The film won 11 Oscars out of 47 nominations.

♥Top 10 love songs

#10 Chicago
"You're the Inspiration" (1985)

#9 Jennifer Warnes
"I've Had the Time of My Life" (1987)

#8 Eric Clapton
"Wonderful Tonight" (1977)

#7 Tim McGraw
"Don't Take the Girl" (1994)

#6 Bryan Adams
"Everything I Do" (1991)

#5 Tim McGraw and Faith Hill
"It's Your Love" (1997)

#4 REO Speedwagon
"Can't Fight This Feeling" (1985)

#3 Boyz II Men
"I'll Make Love to You" (1994)

#2 The Righteous Brothers
"Unchained Melody" (1990)

#1 Whitney Houston
"I Will Always Love You" (1992)

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Valentine's Day by the numbers

♥Americans exchange **192 million** Valentine's Day cards every year.

♥In 2004, every American ate roughly **24.7 pounds** of candy. This is actually a decrease from previous years. In 1997, the average American consumed more than **27 pounds**.

♥In 2002, Americans spent nearly **\$1.1 billion** on candy and an average of **\$94.50** per household on Valentine's Day gifts.

♥In 2004, the combined wholesale value of domestically produced cut flowers for all flower-producing businesses was **\$422 million**. The combined wholesale value of domestically produced cut roses was **\$43 million**.

♥In February 2005, jewelry stores sold **\$2.4 billion** worth of merchandise.

Sources: The U.S. Census Bureau and the International Mass Retail Association

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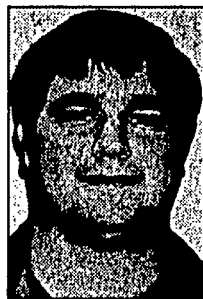
Why do you love/loathe Valentine's Day?



"If you love somebody, you should love them everyday of the year, not just Valentine's Day,"
Suzy Hachey
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"I like being able to show your love for someone you care about,"
Mallory Kirkendall
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"I don't like the pressure that's applied on men and women to buy something for the other person,"
Jason Mehrhoff
English Education



"Overly-commercialized. It's way too corny,"
Kat Fourman
Undecided



"Everybody wears red, everybody's in love and it's all really nice,"
Neil Thawani
Psychology

No escape from Valentine's Day

Under the crisp surface of candies, roses and the quest to achieve the ultimate Valentine's Day gift is someone that is on the verge of throwing up.

Valentine's Day has come a long way since third grade. I'm talking about the days when the holiday was about giving candy and cards, and everyone got a piece. The days when Valentine's were slipped into shoeboxes decorated with bright pink wrapping paper and tiny candy hearts.

That was the last time I remember everyone enjoying Valentine's Day. Back when the holiday was fair.

It's been downhill since.

I don't remember the exact moment when I realized the holiday was much more work than it was worth, but it's a bitter philosophy that has stuck with me through the years.

I am not a person that finds myself single every year and is angry at the world. I have

For the Record



Ashley Bally
Features Editor

had several nice and not so nice experiences. The devastation of this holiday is not exclusive to the involved or uninvolved. It targets everyone. For the happy couples... Well, if you have not yet purchased the 'oh so perfect gift' for that special someone it may be time to start freaking out. This may be the worst pressure. It all comes down to one thing: how long have you been together? All of the components come from this one tiny question. If you haven't been together very long, its very important to watch how much you spend. If you have been together a long time, its important to spend a decent amount on something significant because a stuffed animal isn't going to work anymore.

For the singleton...

I'm sorry but by now, you have certainly discovered there

is no escaping this holiday. I don't know any other way to convey the unreasonable injustice.

The holiday is everywhere. Most would think being single would at least grant you the comfort of being able to avoid the jubilant festivities, but no. There is nothing you can do to escape it.

Valentine's Day is everywhere. It's from the obligatory phone call your parents make, to the cable television you would immerse yourself in as a place to hide. Camping in your dorm room is no longer enough.

I was laying in bed the other day and a commercial came on for the new Sweetheart Blast available at your local Sonic for a limited time only. Nothing says "I love you" like a \$3 pink brownie blast thing.

For the ones that love and benefit from Valentines Day...

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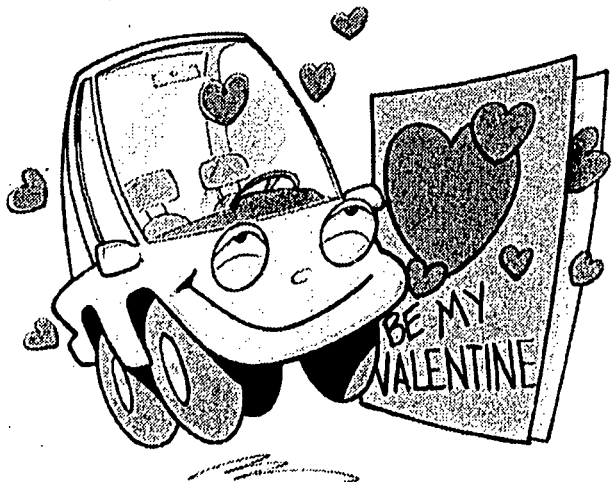
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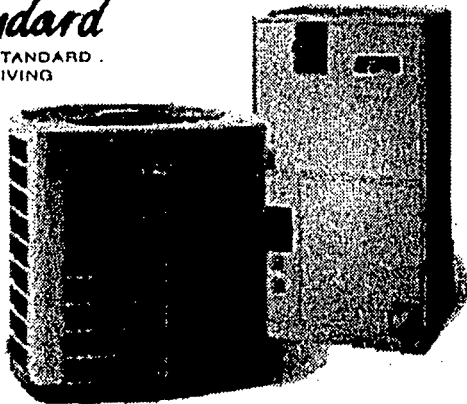
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The Get Up Kids
3. Special
Garbage
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of Flies
The Deftones
5. Since U Been Gone
Kelly Clarkson
6. Through with You
Maroon 5
7. Little Goodbyes
SheDaisy
8. Screaming Infidelities
Dashboard Confessional
9. You'll Think of Me
Keith Urban
10. Goodbye to You
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